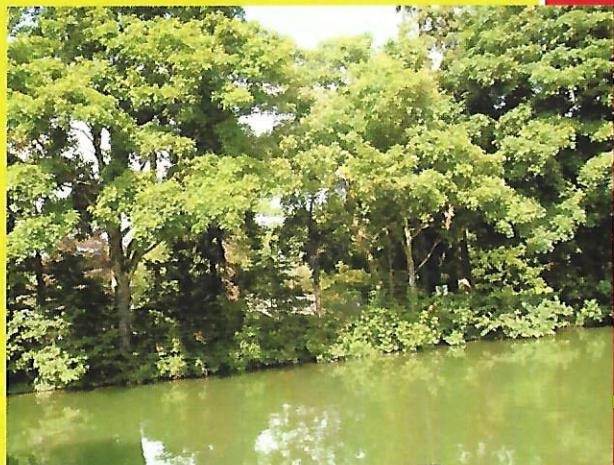


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For Erica Lakidi, Elisa Latim, Martin Okello, Jino Obwonyo, J.A.O. Okot, and Fabian Kute, the Acholi Members of Parliament in Kampala, who despite the open hostility of the Obote I regime, bravely stood with their fellow black African people of South Sudan in their hour of need, only for most of them to sadly meet their tragic end under the murderous regime of Idi Amin Dada. May *Labeja*, the *Jok* of Alero, be with you and guide you, wherever you may be.

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How to use this Dictionary

The Acholi Language

The Acholi belong to the Luo cluster of languages, of the Western Nilotc family of the Nilo-Saharan Phylum, spoken in Uganda (900000 speakers) and in the Sudan (60000 speakers). The language has a high mutual intelligibility with Lango, and varying degrees of intelligibility in Uganda with the Alur (and Jonam), Kumam, Padhola, and in the Sudan with the Pari (Lokoro), Chollo (Shilluk), Jur and the Anyuak (also found in Ethiopia) and with the Luo in Kenya and Tanzania.

Dialects

The two broad dialects are of the Acholi of Uganda and the Sudanese Acholi, along a geo-political divide. The Acholi in Uganda may broadly be divided into East and West, roughly corresponding to the old districts of Kitgum and Gulu respectively. It is possible to further divide these into further dialects. While in the Sudan, there may be three or more dialects. Though no attempt at dialectal distinction has been made in this dictionary, for geo-political reasons loan words used in the Sudan (under the influence of Arabic) may differ from that used in Uganda (often distilled through Swahili). These two countries have different lingua francas: Swahili in Uganda and Juba Arabic in south Sudan.

Parts of Speech

The following word classes and subsets have been identified for the purpose of this dictionary - nouns, adjectives, prepositions, verbs, adverbs (including completion markers), interjections, conjunctions and particles. In addition, pronouns, numerals and demonstrative have been entered in their own rights. No attempt has been made to distinguish between the transitivity levels of verbs. Parts of Speech are printed in italic immediately following the main head entries.

aa [áá] *verb*

(of plants to) do well; grow

púúl áá kényó mābēér groundnuts grow well there

Grammatical Abbreviations

The following grammatical abbreviations have been used:

<i>Abbreviation</i>	<i>Meaning</i>
CFR.	CONFER
PLU.	PLURAL
SGL.	SINGULAR

possible further shades of meaning
more than one version of the word
mon-plural version of the word

Word Entries

Words are arranged in alphabetical order following the conventional way of spelling, rather than that which is adapted for this dictionary for ease of word location. Words are first written in their conventional spelling in bold before, entries including tone and vowel distinctions are included within square brackets. The words derived from each word (derivatives) are often included in the same entry rather than being given entries of their own. Though at times when the derivatives are completely removed from the main entries with little hope of meanings being worked out from the meaning of the main word, they are given entries of their own.

gwok [gwòōk] *verb*

1 (to) take care of

2 (to) protect

gwókkè can be taken care of

gwòkkè take care of her

gwòkkè taking care of the self

gwòkkò taking care of

The language has a large subset of adverbials, which act as completion markers, which are usually associated with specific verbs. The language has what for a better want of better term, we refer to as verbal nouns, but denoted as nouns. These often end in (-o).

Meanings and Examples

Where a word has more than one meaning, each meaning is numbered separately

cai [cái] *noun*

1 tea

2 bribery

SWA *chai*

Examples have been used sparingly whenever it was felt that it would aid and expand meaning and usage.

agulu [àgúlú] *noun*

pot

àgúlú *pìñ* water pot

àgúlú *déek* cooking pot

Standard Orthography

This dictionary deviates from the conventional orthography of Acholi in two main respects. First, it identifies and utilizes all the nine vowels of the language, beyond the usual five. Secondly, it recognizes tone as integral to the proper rendition of the language by marking it. These are both crucial elements in aiding pronunciation, word discrimination and in offering spelling suggestions. However, my view is that, the marking of tones and distinguishing vowel qualities should only be limited to projects like dictionary writings or advanced studies, as meanings of words can usually be deciphered relatively easily from contexts, without unnecessary intrusion.

Vowels

The ten vowels of the language contrast as follows in five pairs as represented in the International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA):

+ATR	(a)	e	i	o	u
-ATR	a	ɛ	ɪ	ɔ	ʊ

Acholi has four Advanced Tongue Root (+ATR) vowels and the five Retracted Tongue Root (-ATR) vowels.

How to write the vowels

In this dictionary the + ATR vowels will be written with dots underneath while the -ATR vowels will be unmarked (written as in the usual orthography without any markings normally). The adding of the dots beneath the +ATR vowels have been preferred to the use of IPA for a number of reasons. First, because it is easier to do so even by hand. Secondly, because it does not deviate much from the conventional orthography. Thirdly, because it is visually and educationally helpful to note that the +ATR vowel is loaded with a dot beneath it.

+ATR	à	é	í	ó	ú
-ATR	a	e	i	o	u

Distinguishing the vowels

Although there are nine vowels in the language as a whole, the vowel [a] does not contrast phonemically or phonetically enough to merit being marked in this dictionary. The other pairs contrasts as follows:

<i>Heavy</i>	<i>gloss</i>	<i>Light</i>	<i>gloss</i>
còò	'wake'	còò	'write'
pìì	'water'	pì	'because of'
péé	'not present'	pèè	'hailstone'
gùùr	'nail up'	gùùr	'gather'
gáangí	'homes'	gààng	'home'

Consonants

Acholi has a number of singularly articulated and doubly and secondarily articulated consonants listed below. In this dictionary all the consonants are written as they are normally in the conventional orthography. One point that has to be made is that the velar nasal [ŋ] has been written as [ng] as no convincing reason has been found to use the IPA symbol [ŋ] for this phoneme only. For the convenient of those who would like to study the language further, the consonant chart of the language has been produced below.

Singularly Articulated Consonants

The singularly articulated consonants as used in the orthography are described in the table below. The IPA variant, where it differs from the orthographic version is placed are within square brackets []

Table 0.1. *Singularly articulated consonants*

	bi-labial -dental	labio alveolar	palatal	velar
plosives (stops)				
voiceless	p		t	k
voiced	b		d	g
nasals		m		
nasals		n	ny [ɲ]	ng [ŋ]
affricates				
voiceless			c [tʃ]	
voiced			j [dʒ]	
others				
lateral			l	
trill			r	
glides				y [j]

Secondarily Articulated Consonants

The secondarily articulated consonants [kw, gw, etc.] and [ty, dy, etc.] as shown in the table below:

Table 0.2. *Secondarily articulated consonants*

	bilabial	alveolar	velar
voiceless stops	p ^w py	t ^w ty	k ^w
voiced stops	b ^w by	d ^w dy	g ^w
voiceless affricatives	c ^w [tʃ ^w]	j ^w	
lateral		l ^w ly	
trill		r ^w ry	
nasals		m ^w my	
glides		w	

Tone and Vowel Length**Key Tones**

The key tones in Acholi are:

Tone	Word	Meaning	Orthography
High	láák	'wandering'	lak
Low	lák	'teeth'	lak
Mid	mā	particle	ma

Acholi tones are relatively fluid, often influenced by adjacent tones and suprasegmental features such as stress. Thus the adverb 'there' would normally be '*càà*', with a sequence of low tones. However in animated speech, an utterance such as 'there he is' will have to be '*én cáá!*' rather than '*én càà!**'. This poses serious problem for the lexicographer. In this dictionary, the tone supplied is therefore of the individual word in isolation, rather than within a context, as the two may yield different tone patterns.

Gemination

In this dictionary, where a derivational word is written conjunctively, the final consonant of the root word is doubled as follows:

wàāc	wàccī	wàccē	wàccò	'say'
kèēl	kèllī	kèllē	kèllò	'bring'
càām	càmmī	càmmē	càmmò	'eat'
wìil	willī	willē	willò	'buy'

Similarly, tonal information suggests the need for vowel gemination in the root verbs, as they are shown to be polysyllabic. That is why the root vowels have their vowels doubled in the examples above. However, the corresponding medial vowels of derivational verb forms, are not and should not be doubled, though the final consonants are doubled.

More importantly, where the final consonants are digraphs (*ng*, *ny*) rather than double the whole consonant only the first half of the digraph is doubled in this dictionary, as in:

wìīny	wìnniyī	wìnniyē	wìnniyō	'hear'
lwòōng	lwònngī	lwònngē	lwònngò	'call'

Etymology

There are a number of loanwords in the language, which this dictionary attempts to identify and suggest possible sources for. Where a source has been suggested as Swahili, it could have easily been suggested as Arabic, as most Swahili words have their origin in Arabic. Similarly, words suggested as of Arabic origin, could have come into the language via Swahili. Word origins are marked after the definitions as in the example below:

cai	[cái]	noun
	1	tea
	2	bribery
		SWA <i>chai</i>

The example above suggests that the source of the word for 'tea' is Swahili word 'chai'. While the dictionary also attempts to suggest the original source word, except for English which in most cases is obvious, there is not attempt to suggest that the standard original language spelling is being observed.

The abbreviations used are as follows:

Abbreviation	Meaning	Comments
ARA	ARABIC	Refers to Juba Arabic, rather than classical Arabic
BNT	BANTU	Any of the Bantu languages spoken in Uganda
ENG	ENGLISH	The national language in Uganda and South Sudan
ITA	ITALIAN	Mostly religious lexicon and restricted to Catholics
SWA	SWAHILI	As spoken, especially in Uganda

Gender

Acholi has no grammatical gender. It is only for convenience that examples alternate between 'he' and 'she'.

Acholi - English

A a

a [à-] prefix, pronoun

1 short form of first person singular pronoun; "I"
àcítto làwórō I went yesterday

2 short form of the first person pronoun, which attaches to verbs and marks out the speaker as the subject or doer of the action. àcámmò làwórō I ate it yesterday
CFR án

a [-á] suffix, pronoun

1 short form of first person singular pronoun; "I" used verb finally. òkèllá làwórō He brought me (here) yesterday

2 short form of first person singular pronoun "I" used to denote the recipient as the benefactive: to or for me. òkèllá làwórō He brought it to me yesterday

aa [-àà] suffix

marks out the object as "the one for"

mé àbilláà (the one) for tast-

ing; to be tasted

mé àcáttáà (the one) for sale

aa [àā] verb

1 (to) get up. àā málō get up

2 (to) get lost; move away.
àā kùnúù get lost!

3 (to) have come from, originated from (used with the past tense). òàā kí i tịc she has come from work

aa [áā] interjection

(used to express objection often accompanied by head shake); no, oh no. áā pé ngéyyä Oh no, she does not know me

aa [áà] interjection

used to express surprise, wonder or amazement; oh, so. áà mán ín? Oh is this you!

aa [áá] verb

(of plants to) do well; grow. púúl áá kényó mābèèr ground-nuts grow well there

aa [àà] verb

1 (used as a directive - not polite); get out of the way, give way, get lost! àā kùnúù

Get lost!
 2 (used as directives) start from, originate from
aa [àà] *verb* (used in the past tense) 1 (to) have originated, come from
 2 (to) have started or commenced from or in. òàà kí i Gulu He came from or originated from Gulu.
 CFR áà
aa [àà] *verb*
 (used in the non-past tense; future); 1 to originate or come from
 2 to start or commence from. áá kí káány It will start from here
 CFR àà
abaa [àbáà] *noun*
 endearment term for father; daddy
ababa [àbàbà] *noun*
 stupid, foolish, mad
abam [àbáám] *noun*
 platform, dais
abanga [àbángáà] *noun*
 leftover food the following morning
abanga banga [àbángá bángá] *noun*
 an edible creeping plant of the bean family
abelu [àbèlú] *noun*
 of unstable mind, mentally disturbed
abembem [àbémbehéèm] *noun*
 very important persons; dignitaries

abii [àbíí] *noun*
 grass, preferred for house thatching; elephant grass
abic [àbííc] *numeral*
 five
abichel [àbícéèl] *numeral*
 six
abilá [àbíláà] *noun*
 ancestral shrine
abili [àbílìí] *noun*
 police
 ALSO pòlìíc
abiling [àbílíng] *noun*
 a grasshopper species
 ALSO àbúlíng
abino [àbínó] *noun*
 a small narrow necked pot used for storing beer
abiro [àbírò] *numeral*
 seven
 ALSO àbíróò
abim [àbíím] *noun*
 nightjar
aboce [àbòcé] *noun*
 of wild yam family usually eaten during famine
abok [àbóók] *noun*
 1 pain usually associated with women in labour
 2 rheumatism
abongwen [àbóòngwéén] *noun*
 the number nine
abor [àbòr] *noun*
 lung
abor [àbóýr] *noun*
 adultery
aboro [àbórò] *numeral*
 the number eight
abuc [àbúc] *adverb*

a thing hanging or placed precariously
abuling [àbúlíng] *noun*
 grasshopper species
 ALSO àbílíng
abuma [ábúmmá] *noun*
 swindle, con
abur [àbúúr] *noun*
 reedbuck, eland
aburu [àbúrú] *noun*
 cold, influenza
 ALSO àbúróò
abutida [àbùtídà] *noun*
 catapult
abwoc [àbwòdc] *noun*
 arrogance, pride
abwoga [àbwógáà] *noun*
 1 miscarriage
 2 premature birth
abwol [àbwóól] *noun*
 traditional bracelet, bangle usually made from ivory or brass
abwora [àbwórá] *adjective*
 around evening
abwori [àbwóýri] *noun*
 eland
abyero [àbyèrò] *noun*
 placenta
 ALSO byèrò
acac [àcác] *interjection*
 an exclamation expressing disgust or sudden sharp pain
acac [àcác] *adjective*
 of or related to disparaging remarks
acam [àcàám] *adjective*
 of or related to the left; left hand
cíng àcàm the left hand
 ALSO lácàm
 CFR lácùùc
acany [àcány] *noun*
 ulcer of the skin found usually on the hand or feet
acari [àcárí] *noun*
 a sweet sorghum species usually eaten fresh
acebe [àcèbé] *noun*
 bird species, black stork
aceker [àcékéér] *noun*
 uniformed officer; police (officer), soldier
 CFR pòlìíc, àbílìí
 ARA ashaker
acel [àcél] *numeral*
 one
acikari [àcikári] *noun*
 soldier
 SWA askari
acil [àcìíl] *adjective*
 small and thin
acomá [àcòmá] *noun*
 loin cloth worn by women in the past
 CFR làyàmò
acula [àcùlá] *noun*
 island
 ALSO cýlá
acunget [àcùngéèt] *noun*
 a young female wildebeest
acura [àcúrá] *adverb*
 to speak frankly, plainly
acuru [àcúrú] *adjective*
 pointed end
acut [àcúùt] *noun*
 vulture
acwak [àcwák] *noun*
 poles for holding nets

acwer [àcwéér] *noun*
 pegs for hanging drums
acwi [àcwíi] *noun*
 an insect which sucks bean
 or cow peas nectar
acwiny [àcwííny] *noun*
 liver
 ALSO ẹcúúny
ada [àdááá] *adjective*
 true
adada [àdádááá] *adverb*
 1 truly
 2 really
adada [àdádáá] *noun*
 an insect species that bur-
 rows in sand making con-
 ical holes
adagi [àdágí] *noun*
 buttocks
adam [àdáám] *noun* brain
adanya [àdanyā] *noun*
 not good at any job—a
 bungler
adek [àdéék] *numeral*
 three
adet [àdèët] *adjective*
 fresh wound
adi [àdíi] *adverb*
 1 how many
 2 how much
 iwillò àdíi? how many / much
 did you buy?
adibu [àdíbú] *adverb*
 done secretly, underhand
ading [àdííng] *noun*
 strainer used especially for
 local beer
 ALSO làdííng
ading [àdìng] *noun*

electric fish
 ALSO àdìngá
adinga [àdìngá] *noun*
 electric fish
 ALSO àdìng
adita [àdítá] *noun*
 a small basket made from
 palm tree leaves
aditi [àdítí] *noun*
 a small bird species which
 nests in shrubs
adolá [àdólá] *noun*
 ulcer of the leg
adong [àdóòng] *noun*
 (of a scar) to redden and
 or swell because of likely
 infection
adongi [àdóngí] *noun*
 Meningitis, possibly cere-
 bral
aduc [àdúúc] *noun*
 a small hut
aduku [àdúkú] *noun*
 a basket made from the leaves
 of palm trees
adul [àdúúl] *noun*
 tree stump
aduno [àdúnóò] *noun*
 part of the body especially
 the heart, associated with
 feelings and emotions
aduno [àdúnóò] *adjective*
 a plump person
adungu [àdúngú] *noun*
 1 a stringed musical instru-
 ment in the tradition of the
 harp
 2 a bow shaped stringed
 musical instrument usu-
 ally played by women only

adwal [àdwààl] *noun*
 a young female antelope
adwi [àdwíi] *noun*
 an outlaw, a fugitive, a ter-
 rorist
 ALSO àdúú
adwoka [àdwóká] *noun*
 milk from a cow that has
 just calved, usually yellow-
 ish
adwoga [àdwògá] *noun*
 yellowish
adwogi [àdwóóggí] *noun*
 effect, consequence, result
 of an action; end result
 àdwóggí né tòò the end re-
 sult is death
 CFR dwòög
adwongo [àdwòngó] *adjec-
 tive*
 a large basket
adyel adyel [àdyéél àdyéél]
noun
 a bird species
agaba [àgábá] *noun*
 a climbing plant
agak [àgáàk] *noun*
 a bird species; crow
agara [àgàrà] *noun*
 a big spear with a wide
 blade
angara [ànggàrà] *noun*
 bony fish which is usually
 salt dried
agec [àgééc] *noun*
 backbiting, slander
agi [àgiì] *noun*
 gambling, betting
agiki [àgíkí] *noun*
 end, terminal, end point

agit [àgít] *noun*
 ornamental ring
agobi [àgóbí] *noun*
 pain related to menstrua-
 tion
agoga [àgógá] *noun*
 a bird species; nightjar
agong [àgóóng] *adverb*
 (of a door) left ajar
agoro [àgórò] *noun*
 a winged termite species
 that comes out around 10pm
agulu [àgúlú] *noun*
 pot
 àgúlú pñ water pot
 àgúlú déek cooking pot
aguragura [àgúrágúrà] *noun*
 horse
agwata [àgwátá] *noun*
 calabash
 àgwátá pñ calabash for wa-
 ter
agwara [àgwárá] *noun*
 a stone used for scrubbing
 feet
agwaya [àgwàyá] *noun*
 a slimy vegetable
agwe [àgwéé] *adjective*
 newly harvested millet
agwer [àgwéér] *noun*
 what is left over after the
 main harvest of millet or
 sorghum
aita [àítà] *noun*
 squirrel
 ALSO àyítà
aja [àjàà] *noun*
 rattle usually made from
 a small guord

ajiya [àjíyá] *noun*
boiled maize or beans

ajong [àjóòng] *noun*
sauce without seasoning
ALSO **àkítà, àlót, àjóngá**

ajonga miya [àjóngá mìyá] *noun*
a fly species that causes river blindness

ajot jot [àjóót jót] *noun*
a big green grasshopper

aju [àjúú] *noun*
grass species used in traditional blessing rituals

aju [àjúú] *noun*
laziness, being lazy

ajua [àjùá] *noun*
tree species used in blessings

ajuc [àjúúc] *noun*
an old woman

ajut [àjùút] *noun*
tree stump

ajut [àjùút] *noun*
(of a person) stupid

ajwaka [àjwákā] *noun*
1diviner, medicine man or woman
2 witch
3 talisman

ajwiya lee [àjwíyá lélé] *noun*
a water point where animals congregate to drink

aka [akaa] *noun*
bengal cane

akaka [àkàà] *adverb*
(usually unpleasant thing) done deliberately
ALSO **àkàkàà**

akany angó [àkáány àngóó] *noun*

a tiny insect species known for carrying huge loads

akarakara yoo [àkárákárà yòò] *noun*
junction

akaya [àkáyá] *noun*
stomach

akela [akela] *noun*
a fish species with a red tail fin

aker [àkéér] *noun*
a patch of field left unburnt for cultivation
ALSO **kéér**

akera [àkérá] *adverb*
(of a person) submissive

akero [àkérò] *noun*
a war dance usually after slaying an enemy or a beast
ALSO **wàyyò àkèrò**

akeyo [àkéyóò] *noun*
a slightly sour vegetable

akic [àkííc] *noun*
loin or sirloin

akili [àkílí] *adjective*
(of a knife) without the handle

akita [àkítá] *noun*
sauce without seasoning
ALSO **àlót, àjóngā**

akol [àkóól] *noun*
animal skin
ALSO **àkóól**

akuku [àkúkù] *noun*
dark sandy soil used in adorn-ing the hair and female loin clothes

akul [àkúúl] *noun*
pen or kraal
àkúúl dyèèl goat kraal

akumu [àkúmmü] *noun*
part of the brideprice which is off record

akura [àkùrà] *noun*
sheath

alemo [àlémò] *noun*
fig tree

aloko [àlókò] *noun*
hoe handle

alwoka [àlwókā] *noun*
property that the bride takes with her to her marital home

amacak [amacak] *noun*
a green snake species with a whitish underbelly

amal [àmál] *noun*
special offal usually eaten by elders in ritual sacrifices

amam [àmáàm] *noun*
pigeon, dove
ARA hamam

amida [àmídá] *noun*
a sorghum species whose seeds may be eaten as snacks roasted or raw

amina [àmínà] *noun*
a plant species whose leaves fold up on being touched
ALSO **àmírá**

aming aming [àmíng àmíng] *noun*
a white termite species known for their odd hours of coming out — often late afternoon instead of after darkness

amo [àmóó] *noun*
a plant species whose leaves

may be used as medicine for scabies

amor [àmór] *noun*
tree species, used as scabies medicine

amor [àmòòr] *noun*
a natural sponge used for bathing; luffa

amoro [àmórò] *noun*
suffering ALSO àròmò

amuka [àmúkā] *noun*
rhinocerous

amuli [àmúlí] *noun*
(of a person) double dealer, traitor

amuri [àmúrí] *noun*
duiker, dik dik
ALSO **àmúý**

amwoda [àmwódā] *adverb*
equal, at the same time

an [án] *pronoun*
full form of first person singular pronoun; "I"
CFR the prefix à

anino [ánínō] *noun*
whip made usually from hippopotamus hide
ALSO **céré**

anok [ànóòk] *noun*
part of the main house reserved for animals

anuno [ànúnō] *noun*
a species of bitter tasting creeping plants used in house building as it is repellent to termites

anga [àngáà] *pronoun*
who
ALSO **ngà**
ménqò ànggáà? who is that?

angaci [àngáci] *noun*
local beer (**kwètè**) that has
not yet been strained

angaka [àngákà] *adjective*
(of grain, groundnut) coarsely
grounded

angec [àngèc] *adverb*
still to come or to happen

angeca [àngéçá] *noun*
a female slave
CFR **òpíí**

angeri [àngérì] *noun*
black tiny monkey species

ango [àngóò] *pronoun*
what

angoli [àngólì] *noun*
a skin disease associated
with domestic animals

angulangul [àngúlàngùl] *noun*
swelling of the glands due
to infection

angwen [àngwéèn] *numeral*
four

anyaka [ànyáká] *noun*
girl
PLU **ànyírà**

anyai [ànyái] *noun*
wild animals, especially predators

anyanya [ànyànyà] *noun*
a type of poison

anyara [ànyárà] *noun*
animal species, skunk

anyeda [ànyédáà] *adverb*
1 (of a thing) to pose delicately
2 (of a person) to handle especially utensils with finger tips as if they are dirty

anyeri [ànyééri] *noun*
an edible tailless rodent;
bush rat

anyim [ànyíím] *adverb*
ahead, still to come, still
to happen

anying [ànyííng] *noun*
a spiral metal adornment
strip worn by woman around
the waste

anyira [ànyíírà] *noun*
girls
SGL **ànyáká**

anyira [ànyírà] *noun*
an animal species of the
skunk family

anyogi [ànyóögù] *noun*
maize, corn
ALSO **ànywágíí**

anyo [ànyóò] *noun*
measles

anyoba nyoba [ànyóbá nyóbà]
noun
confusion

anywali [ànywálì] *adjective*
native of; native to

anywar [ànywààr] *noun*
mockery, teasing

aona [àóná] *noun*
cough

aor [àór] *noun*
a rack for storing firewood

apaca [àpàcá] *adverb*
(of a spear hurled) to only
graze with no deep penetration

apar [àpáàr] *numeral*
the number ten

apata [àpátá] *adjective*
flat

ape [àpéé] *noun*
(an utterance made when
a child sneezes) — bless
you!

apedededede [àpèdèdèdèdè] *noun*
a big brown grasshopper
resembling a locust
ALSO **lábáá**

apika [àpíkà] *noun*
tripe
ALSO **àpékè**

apili [àpíl] *noun*
appeal (ENG)

apili lyang [àpílì lyàng] *noun*
a sauce made from simsim
paste without anything else

apiti [àpítí] *noun*
harvest dance performed
exclusively by women

apodo [àpódö] *noun*
a bird of the crane family

apoka [àpóká] *noun*
tree bark

apoli [àpóli] *noun*
wildebeest

apong apong [àpóòng póng] *noun*
a greenish grasshopper with
a foul smell
ALSO **òbááng céèt**

apoya [àpøyá] *noun*
madness
lápøyá a mad person

apudu [àpúdù] *noun*
grass species of the elephant
grass family

apuru [àpúrù] *noun*
teenagers

apuu [àpùù] *noun*
dust
ALSO **àpwàà**

apwa [àpwàà] *noun*
dust
ALSO **àpúlù**

apwoyo [àpwóyò] *noun*
rabbit, hare

apwoyo [àpwóyò] *noun*
thank you

arany [àrány] *adverb*
(of a talk or speech) lacking
in political correctness
or not sensitive enough
ALSO **àrányí**

arara [àrárá] *noun*
the spotted hyena

arege [àrégè] *noun*
locally distilled alcohol
ARA **araq**

aremu [àrému] *noun*
a creeping plant whose roots
are used as medicine against
dysentery

ari [àríí] *adjective*
(of the eyes) lazy eyes, squint

ari [àrí] *interjection*
expresses surprise

aribe [àribéè] *noun*
a bird species of the weaverbird family

aribu [àribù] *noun*
winged termites which come
out in the early hours of
the morning just before dawn

arcile [àròcífé] *noun*
foot band used by the military
to protect the shin

arododo [àròdódò] *noun*
payment in services rather

than cash for a chief
 ALSO lùwàlò

aroma [àròmá] *noun*
 suffering, distress in the process of earning livelihood

aromo ki nguu [àrómò kí ngùyù] *noun*
 a thorny plant species

arony [àróóny] *noun*
 abuse, impertinence

aruk dyang [àrúk dyáàng] *noun*
 hump especially of a cow

arum [àrùyùm] *noun*
 hunting expedition in which a large area is surrounded and shielded off

arum [àrùyùm] *noun*
 black bird species of the hornbill family

arwa [àrwà] *noun*
 part of the lean meat left after the fatty bit has melted off under heat

arwii [àrwíi] *noun*
 (of a person) acting in an unexpected ways

arwit [àrwít] *noun*
 tying a thing with knots
 ALSO àrít

aryeba [àryéébáà] *adverb*
 (of a thing) turned upside down or outside out

aryec [àryéécé] *noun*
 a hole for trapping animals
 ALSO àryééc

aryo [àríyò] *numeral*
 the number two

ata [àtáà] *adjective*
 1 (of a person) behaving

or talking without social restraints or inhibitions or grasping the whole picture first
 2 (of a person) deemed not to be of much value or worth; mere
 3 indiscriminately
 ALSO àtátàà

atabo [àtàbò] *noun*
 food bowl

ataca [àtácá] *adjective*
 (of a thing) being shallow

ataka [àtákà] *noun*
 beads as worn by women

atango cinga [àtángó cíngà] *noun*
 a small bushy shrub

ataro [àtárò] *adverb*
 1 (of a thing) placed face up; upside down
 2 (of a person) lying on the back; face up

atego [àtéggò] *noun*
 the metal strip in bangles or bracelets

atego [atego] *noun*
 a strong tree species used in buildings and is termite repellent

atennga [àténnngá] *adverb*
 (of a person in flight) to run far away

atero [àtérò] *noun*
 arrow

ati [àtì] *adverb*
 (of an event) preceding the rest
 ðòðò ãtìì she was the first to arrive

atika [àtìkká] *adverb*
 really, in truth

atiko [àtikòò] *noun*
 a fly, of the bluebottle species

atina [àtíná] *noun*
 thriftiness, prudence

atir [àtíír] *adjective*
 1 straight, not bent or crooked
 2 (of a person) having good qualities, honest, reliable.

atubu [àtùbù] *noun*
 dragonfly
 ALSO lètùbùtùbù

atudu [àtùdù] *noun*
 duck

atum [àtùyùm] *noun*
 bow

atunya [àtùnyà] *noun*
 lion
 ALSO lèbwòr

ature [àtúré] *noun*
 flowers

aturun [àtùrúýún] *noun*
 sodium bicarbonate

atuto [àtùtò] *noun*
 a percolating utensil for local sodium bicarbonate

atuya [àtùyáà] *noun*
 an edible rodent

atyer [àtyéér] *adverb*
 (done or said) openly, frankly, publicly

aula [àùlà] *noun*
 an ornament worn around the arm made from giraffe or zebra tail during traditional dancing
 ALSO àwùlà

awak [àwààk] *noun*
 communal digging after which

the participants are treated to a feast of drinks and food rather than being paid in cash

awal [àwààl] *noun*
 bowl, usually from calabash

awang mac [àwááng mààc] *noun*
 swelling of the glands following infection

awar [àwààr] *noun*
 reclaiming of the brideprice after divorce

awar baad [àwáár bààd] *noun*
 part of the sacrificial meat set aside for elders to consume, before the main meal

awara [àwárá] *noun*
 a portion of àwàrà kíjc honeycomb
 àwàrà táá dried tobacco leaves

awene [àwènè] *adverb*
 when
 òwàccò òwènè? when did he say it?

aweno [àwénòò] *noun*
 guinea fowl

awiny awiny [àwíny àwíny] *noun*
 a grasshopper species

awira [àwírá] *noun*
 tobacco, usually unprocessed

awira wira [àwírá wírá] *noun*
 a children's game where they twirl until they are dizzy

awobe [àwòbè] *noun*
 boys
 SGL àwóbí

awobi [àwóbí] *noun*

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boy PLU **àwòbè**

awola [àwòlá] *noun*
poison

awuka [àwùkā] *noun*
the stomach of an animal
ALSO **àpìká**

awula [àwùlà] *noun*
an arm band used in dancing
ALSO **àùlà**

ayal [àyáál] *noun*
part of the brideprice given to the people who accompany a bride to her home before they can take food in the new family

ayela [àyéllá] *noun*
problems, troubles

ayila [àyíllá] *noun*
itching of the skin

ayo [àyóó] *adjective*
(of land) fertile

ayo [àyóó] *noun*
a baboon species

ayol [àyóól] *adverb*
loosely tied

ayom [àyóòm] *noun*
a monkey species

ayulu [àyúlú] *noun*
a partridge species

aywaac [àywáác] *noun*
ritual cleansing of the self

ayweri [àywéři] *noun*
partridge

aywica [àywicā] *noun*
berry species

ba [bá] *adverb*
used to plead, implore, emphasise a point. *wìny bá* do listen, please!

ba [báá] *adverb*
1 ready
2 the whole lot; all, everything. *àcámmò báá* I ate the whole lot

baa [báā] *verb*
(to) throw away; discard.
báá wókō throw it away

baa [báà] *noun*
pub, bar (ENG)

bab [bàáb] *verb*
1 (of a ball etc) to deflate or collapse
2 to lose original shape; deform

bab [bàáb] *verb*
(to) become foolish, cause to become foolish

bac [báác] *noun*
throwing away; discarding

bac [báác] *noun*
bus (ENG)

bad [bààd] *noun*
1 (human) arm
2 (animal) shoulder

bai [bài] *adverb*
staring blankly

bak [báák] *verb*
(to) stab

bak [báák] *verb*
1 to make potato heaps
2 to gather, collect in a heap

bak [báák] *verb*
1 to plead for mercy
2 entreat. *bàkkò dóóg* pleading for mercy
bàkkò pleading for mercy, entreating

bak [báák] *verb*
(to) knead flour mixed with yeast for baking or making beer

bakacic [bàkàcíc] *noun*
commission or reward for a well done job
SWA *bakshish*

bako [bàkkò] *verb*
1 making potato heaps
2 pleading

bako [bàkkò] *noun*
pleading, entreating

bako [bàkkò] *noun*
making potato heaps

bal [báál] *noun*
1 error, mistake
2 sin
3 transgression

bal [báál] *verb*
1 (to) destroy, spoil, ruin
bàllò lòqk saying inappropriate things (and ruining everything)
2 (to) waste
3 (of a thing) to go bad
cààk òbàllé wòkō the milk has gone bad
bàllò cáám wasting food
bàllò lìím squandering wealth
cààk bálleè milk can go bad
bàllèè can go bad
bàllò ruining, spoiling, squandering, wasting

balangiti [bàlànggítì] *noun*
blanket
SWA *balangiti*

balaturu [bàlàtúrù] *noun*
an animal which feigns death on sensing danger by closing its eyes

balibali [bàlìbàlì] *noun*
a barbed arrow

balo [bàllò] *verb*
ruining, spoiling

bam [bààm] *noun*
pelvis

bam [bààm] *verb*
(to) chew lightly without the teeth grinding

bam [bààm] *adjective*
blunt

bam [bààm] *verb*
add to
bámmèè can be added to
bàmmò adding to

bamo [bàmmò] *noun*
adding to

ban [bàän] *verb*
(to) fold
bànnò folding up

bano [bànnò] *noun*
folding up

bani [bàànì] *noun*
a shield made from usually buffalo hide

bang [bàäng] *verb*
1 (of potato, polenta, etc) to eat without sauce
2 (DER) to eat. *bàáng lìyáttà nì* eat this potatoes (without sauce)

bánngèè can be eaten without sauce
bánngò eating without sauce
bangili [bànggílì] *noun*
 bracelet
bango [bànngò] *noun*
 gorging
bany [báñy] *verb*
 to peel
bánnyèè can be peeled
bánnyò peeling
banya [bányá] *verb*
 debt
banyo [bánnyò] *verb*
 1 peeling
 2 (of hair etc) parting, separating
 3 (of sweat) mopping
bánnyò wÿic parting the hair
bánnyò kwÿòk wiping off sweat
banyo [bánnyò] *noun*
 wiping off sweat
banyo [bánnyò] *noun*
 peeling
bao [báò] *noun*
 timber, plank, board
 SWA *baø*
bap [bááp] *noun* target
bap [bááp] *verb*
 (to) slap
báppèè can be slapped
bàppò slapping, smacking
bapo [bàppò] *noun*
 smacking, slapping
bar [bàär] *noun*
 arena, field
bar [bàär] *verb*
 1 (of firewood etc) to split
 2 (to) divide

bàrréè can be split, separated
bàrrò separating, splitting, dividing
baraja [bàrájá] *noun*
 1 verandah
 2 Monday (ENG)
baro [bàrrò] *verb*
 splitting open, cutting open, dividing
bàrrò wÿic headache
baru [bàrú] *noun*
 bullet shell left after firing
baru [bàrú] *noun*
 a children's game
bat [bàät] *noun*
 arm
batania [bàtànýá] *noun*
 blanket
 ARA *batnia*
bayo [bàyyò] *verb*
 throwing, casting away
bebo [bèbbò] *verb*
 twisting mouth when crying
bebo [bèbbò] *verb*
 carrying
bèbbò lätíin carrying a child
bèbbò yéç carrying a load
becen [bécéèn] *noun*
 (container) basin (ENG)
beco [bècò] *adjective*
 good, beautiful
 SGL **bèèr**
bed [bèëd] *verb*
 1 to sit
 2 to be
 3 to stay, live
bèëd píiny sit down
bèëd káány sit here; stay here

bèddò staying, living; being; sitting
bedo [bèddò] *verb*
 1 sitting
 2 living
 3 being
bega [bégà] *noun*
 a detective, an investigator
 SWA *bega*
bei [béï] *noun*
 cost, price
 SWA *beyi*
bek [bèék] *verb*
 (to) pick, peck
békkèè can be pecked, picked
bèkkò pecking
beko [bèkkò] *verb*
 to roam, wander
beko [bèkkò] *noun*
 pecking
bel [béél] *noun*
 grain, cereals
béél wínyò a wild plant whose seeds are eaten by children and birds
belle [bèlléè] *verb*
 moving up and down in anger; bobbling
bem [bèém] *adjective*
 charm
låbèém dánòò a charmer
bendera [bèndérà] *noun*
 flag. *illò bèndérà* hoisting flag
bene [bèñé] *adverb*
 also, too, as well. *én béné* *òmérä* he too is my brother
benge [béngéé] *noun*
 bank

ber [bèèr] *adjective*
 1 good, nice, beautiful
 2 of good behaviour; well behaved. *kíté bëèr* she is well mannered
 PLU **bècò**
bero [bèrrò] *verb*
 speaking too much
beyo [bèyò] *verb*
 a tree used for making chairs and other furniture
-bi [-bi] *prefix*
 marker of the non-past (future) for emphasis
býmò díkÿì will come tomorrow
ðibýmónó díkÿì she will come tomorrow
bi [bùi] *verb*
 1 to press, squeeze, compress in order to get juice out of
 2 to strain by compression
bü lèmúýün squeeze lemon to obtain juice
bü kòngò strain beer
bic [bùic] *adverb*
 full to the brim
bicu [bícú] *noun*
 cave, den
bic [búic] *noun*
 1 compression
 2 straining
 3 squeezing
bil [biü] *verb*
 (to) taste
bíllèè can be tasted
billò tasting
bil [biü] *verb*
 (to) wet, soak, drench

bíllèè can be soaked, made wet, drenched
bíllò soaking, drenching, wetting
bila [bilà] *noun*
 a small wind musical instrument made from animal horns
bilo [billò] *verb*
 taming, charming
bilo [biló] *noun*
 charcoal
 ALSO *mákáár*
bilo [billò] *noun*
 soaking, drenching
bim [bíím] *noun*
 baboon
bin [biín] *verb*
 (to) come
biín káány come here
bínnòò the coming
bínnòò nē pē ngéénnèè her coming is not for sure
binika [bíníkà] *noun*
 teapot, kettle
 ARA *binika*
binjali [binjálì] *noun*
 curry powder
 SWA *binzari*
binyo [binnyò] *noun*
 1 twisting, curling, weaving
 2 wringing clothes
bir [bíir] *verb*
 (to) sprout, germinate *káál*
ðbíir woko the millet is sprouting
bírrò germinating
bir [bíir] *verb*
 (to) fill the pot to brim

bit [bít] *adjective*
 1 (of a thing) pointed, sharp
 2 (of a person) having a sharp tongue
 3 having sharp eyes
 4 a sharp marksman
lébé bít she has a sharp tongue
pálà mábít a sharp knife
bit [bíjt] *verb*
 to entice, lure, trap
bíjt kí pýúl entice it with groundnuts
bíttèè can be enticed
bíttò enticing
bit [bíjt] *verb*
 (of groundnuts) to unshell
bíttèè can be unshelled
bíft unshelling
bito [bíttò] *noun*
 unshelling
biyo [bíyyò] *verb*
 squeezing, pressing
boc [bóóc] *noun*
 wrapping, packaging
boco [bòccò] *adjective*
 long, tall
 SGL **bòòr**
bod [bòòd] *verb*
 (to) mislead, lead astray
bóddèè can be distracted, enticed
bóddò distracting or drawing
bodo [bòddò] *noun*
 distracting, drawing
bodaboda [bòdà bódà] *noun*
 motorcycles or similar means of transport
bok [bòòk] *verb*
 to become brown, redden

bókkèè can be made brown
bókkò browning
bok [bòòk] *verb*
 (to) narrate, tell, converse
bókkèè can be narrated
bókkò narrating
boko [bòkkò] *verb*
 (to) boil maize, groundnuts, cassava etc.
bol [bóól] *noun*
 1 shaft of spear
 2 hoe handle
bol [bòòl] *verb*
 1 (to) throw
 2 (to) cast a laughter
bòllò nyérròò casting a laughter
bóllèè can be thrown
bòllè throw it to him
bòllò the act of throwing
bolo [bòlò] *noun*
 a temporary shelter
bolo bolo [bòlò bòlò] *adverb*
 1 tied loosely
 2 softly ripened
boma [bómà] *noun*
 town
bomo [bòmò] *noun*
 a headband worn usually when twins die
boni [bònò] *noun*
 a tree species with a toxic sap
bónò wíic receding hair
bong [bòòng] *noun*
 beehive
bòòng kííc bee hive
bong [bòòng] *verb*
 1 pass the hand over and feel; caress
 2 touch
bòöng nyíméè feel his face (with your hands)
bónngèè can be felt, touched
bónngò passing the hand over and feeling, touching
bong [bòòng] *adverb*
 not
bòòng ángéé I did not know
bongo [bòngò] *verb*
 clothes, clothing
boo [bòò] *adverb*
 used in question to ascertain. *ikéllò bòò?* have you brought it?
boo [bòò] *noun*
 cowpea leaves; the leaves as vegetable
boo [bòò] *verb*
 (to) wrap
bòò kí kárátáác wrap in a paper
bor [bòòr] *adjective*
 1 long, tall
 2 far
 PLU **bòòcò**
boro [bóró] *noun*
 cave
boro [bòrrò] *noun*
 (to) praise
bòrrò kí wéér praising with songs
bot [bóót] *preposition*
 1 to, from, for
 2 with
téér bóót òmínnèè take it to the brother
bot [bòòt] *noun*
 freshly cultivated land

bot [bòjt] *adjective*
 (of food) tasteless, with not enough salt or seasoning

bot [bòjt] *verb*
 (of food) to scoop and lap usually with the hands

bòttè can be lapped
 bòttò lapping

boto [bòttò] *verb*
 lapping of food with the hands

boto [bòttò] *verb*
 (of hens) to peck usually fresh leaves

boyi [bòyì] *noun*
 houseboy ENG

boyo [bòyyò] *verb*
 wrapping

buc [bùúc] *verb*
 slipping away from the hands, loose a thing
 $\bar{o}bùúc kí icíngá$ it slipped off my hands
 búccè can slip away

buc [bùúc] *verb*
 (of fowls) to pluck feathers; groom the self; preen

bùccò plucking the feathers or hair (from animals)

buc [búúc] *noun*
 prison
 ARA *maboush*

buco [bùccò] *noun*
 plucking feathers

buk [bùúk] *verb*
 to blow, fan fire

bùkkò blowing, fanning fire

buk [bùúk] *verb*
 book (ENG)

buke [bùkké] *verb*
 (of fowls) grooming themselves usually in sand

buko [bùkkò] *verb*
 ritual whirling of a sacrificial hen

buko [bùkkò] *verb*
 smoking out an animal

buko [bùkkò] *noun*
 fanning fire

bul [bùúl] *noun*
 drum

bul [bùúl] *verb*
 roast, grill

bùllè can be grilled, roasted, broiled

bùllò grilling, broiling

bulu [búlúú] *noun*
 youth (male)

bulu bulu [bùlù bùlù] *adverb*
 lukewarm, tepid

bum [bùúm] *verb*
 (to) swindle

bum [búúm] *noun*
 swindling, conning

búmmá swindling

búmmè can be swindled

bùmmò swindling

bumo [bùmmò] *noun*
 swindling

bun [búúín] *noun*
 coffee
 ARA *buun*
 ALSO òméén

bunga [búngá] *noun*
 forest

bungo [búngó] *noun*
 a temporary shelter

buny [bùúny] *verb*

(to) smile

búnnyóô smiling

bunyo [bùnnnyò] *noun*
 smiling

bur [bùúr] *verb*
 threaten, intimidate

burrà intimidation, threats

búrrè can be intimidated, threatened

bùrrò intimidating, threatening

bur [bùúr] *noun*
 wound

bùür $\bar{q}d\bar{o}l\bar{q}$ ulcer of the leg

bur [bùúr] *noun*
 hole, pit

bùür còrón pit latrine

bura [búrá] *noun*
 intimidation, threats

bura [búráá] *noun*
 cat

ALSO púúc

bure [búré] *noun*
 an antelope species

buruji [bùrújí] *noun*
 trumpet, bugle

SWA *buruzi*

buro [bùrrò] *noun*
 threatening, intimidating

buru [búrá] *noun*
 ash

buryanga [bùryàngá] *noun*
 a cow species with long horns

but [bùüt] *verb*
 1 (of a thing) to slip off the hands, escape
 2 (of a person, prisoner, animal) to slip, escape

3 narrowly escape being punished, harmed etc.

but [bùüt] *noun*
 side, flank

bùüt kitándà side of the bed

but [bùüt] *verb*
 (to) lie down

bùüt káány lie down here

bùttò 1 lying down 2 lying down to rest, sleep

cíi kà bùttò go and lie down to sleep

but [búüt] *noun*
 boots (ENG)

buto [bùttò] *noun*
 1 sleeping
 2 lying (down)

buyu [bùyyù] *adverb*
 (of a predator) narrowly miss pouncing a prey

bwac [bwàāc] *verb*
 (to) graze the skin

bwami [bwámmí] *noun*
 swindling, corruption

bwaro [bwàrrò] *verb*
 talking nonsense

bwo [bwòò] *verb*
 1 (to) win
 2 (to) defeat, overcome
 ALSO lòò, lòò

bwòyyò defeating

bwoc [bwóóc] *noun*
 winning, defeating, overcoming

bwoc [bwòòc] *adjective*
 difficult, failure

bwog [bwóóg] *noun*
 miscarriage

bwoggèè can be aborted

bwòggò miscarrying

bwogo [bwògò] *noun*
butter still to be processed

bwogo [bwòggò] *noun*
miscarrying

bwol [bwòöl] *verb*
1 (to) deceive
2 (to) tell lies

bwóllá deception, lying

bwólléè self deception

bwólléè can be deceived

bwóllé deceive him

bwóllò deceiving

bwolo [bwòllò] *noun*
deceiving

bwola [bwóllá] *noun*
deception

bwola [bwólái] *noun*
a royal dance performed
usually during enthralling
of, funeral of or entertain-
ment of a chief

bwom [bwòdòm] *noun*
wing

bwon [bwòöñ] *verb*
(to) deride a thing being
offered as not enough

bwónnò overlooking a gift
as inadequate

bwon [bwóón] *noun*
deriding a thing, believ-
ing that it is not enough

bwónnò a feeling that a
thing being offered is not
enough

bwong [bwòòng] *adjective*
young

bwóóng dyààng a heifer

bwot [bwòdt] *verb*
1 (to) escape
2 (to) survive

3 (to) escape narrowly with
one's life

bwot [bwòöt] *verb*
1 (to) desist from pursuing
an issue further; leave it
alone

2 to leave behind

bwóttèè can be left alone,
behind

bwoto [bwòttò] *noun*
1 desisting from pursuing
a course of action

2 leaving behind, giving
up on

bwoto [bwòtò] *noun*
a person skilled in a job

bwoyo [bwòyyò] *verb*
defeating, overcoming

bwoyo [bwóyò] *noun* foam,
froth, bubble

bwum [bwúúm] *noun*
swindling, cheating

bwúmmòò swindling, cheat-
ing

bye [byèë] *noun*
1 termite
2 anthill

byel [byèël] *verb*
(to) straddle a baby on the
back

byéllèè can be carried on
the back

byèllò the act of carrying
a baby on the back

byelo [byèllò] *noun*
carrying (a child) on the
back

byen wang [byéén wààng] *noun*
eyebrow, eyelid

byeny [byèëny] *adverb*
(of an arrow) narrowly miss

the target

byero [byèrò] *noun*
afterbirth, placenta

C c

ca [càà] *adverb*
over there; there

én càá! there she is!

ALSO **cáá**

caa [cáà] *noun*

1 hour, time, period

2 watch, clock

ALSO **cáwà**

caa [càà] *verb*

(to) despise, look down upon
péé ícáá dánòò do not de-
spise people

caar [càär] *adjective*

1 (of a person) careless, clumsy

2 (of morality) loose

nyákó mā cáár a loose girl

cárròò being of or having
a loose character

ALSO **cáár**

caar [càär] *verb*

1 (to) shine a light on to
the eye etc

2 (to) dazzle

cárrò shining light on the
eyes

caat [càät] *noun*

1 trading

2 business

caat [càät] *verb*

1 (to) sell, trade

2 (to) do business

cáttèè can be sold, traded

cáttò trading, selling

caaro [càrrò] *verb*
shining a light in the eyes;
dazzling

cab [cááb] *noun*
defamation, humiliation
làcàäb nyíng one who speaks
ill of a person

cabe [càbbéè] *verb*
of reputation to suffer

cabit [càbít] *noun*
1 week

2 Sunday

càbít àcéèl one week

cèèng càbít Sunday

cabo [càbbò] *noun*
ruining one's name

cabun [càbúún] *noun* soap
SWA *sabuni*

cac [cáác] *noun*
1 disdain

2 despising

cac [cáác] *adverb*
lift swiftly with ease

cace [càccéè] *verb*
to struggle to make end
meet

caco [càccò] *noun*
grinding

càccò pýúl grinding ground-
nuts

cadatt [càdáát] *noun*
bathing shelter

caden [càdéén] *noun*
witness

cado [càddóò] *verb*
having a running stomach

cado [càddò] <i>noun</i>	cámmèè can be eaten	carolok [càrló López] <i>noun</i>	short
diarrhoea, dysentry	càmmò 1 eating 2 getting into debt	words of wisdom; parable, proverb	PLU cèègò
cai [cái] <i>noun</i>	camo [càmmò] <i>noun</i>	cati [cátì] <i>noun</i>	cek [cèèk] <i>verb</i>
1 tea	eating	shirt (ENG)	1 (of fruits) to ripen
2 bribery	can [càān] <i>verb</i>	cato [càttò] <i>verb</i>	2 (of food) to cook
SWA <i>chai</i>	(to) pile, heap	staggering	3 (of beer) to complete fermentation
cak [càāk] <i>noun</i>	can [cáán] <i>noun</i>	cayo [càyyò] <i>verb</i>	4 (of grain) be ready for harvest
milk	(food) plate	1 despising	
cak [càāk] <i>verb</i>	ARA <i>sahaan</i>	2 underestimating	
start, commence	can [càān] <i>noun</i>	ce [cè] <i>conjunction</i>	ceko [cèkkò] <i>verb</i>
cákkekè can be started; starts from, on	poverty	(used in questions) won't.., don't...etc.	producing simsim
cákkekè the beginning	can [càān] <i>verb</i>	pé ímíttó cè? So, don't you want it?	cel [cèèl] <i>noun</i>
cákkekò starting, commencing	(to) disturb, trouble	ALSO cè ká, ká cè	fence
caka [cákkáà] <i>noun</i>	péé ícáān dánòò do not disturb people	cec [cèēc] <i>noun</i>	cel [cèèl] <i>verb</i>
chatting	canduk [càndúúk] <i>noun</i>	snatching	(to) fry
cako [càkkò] <i>verb</i>	box, suitcase	cedo [cèddò] <i>verb</i>	céllèè can be fried
1 starting	SWA <i>sanduki</i>	roasting especially of groundnuts, meat	céllò frying
2 being baptised	cane [cànnéè] <i>verb</i>	cee [cèē] <i>verb</i>	cel [cèèl] <i>noun</i>
cákkekò nyíng being baptised	(to) struggle to make ends meet.	(to) swoop and snatch	(to) fence, enclose
cákkekò kwáán start going to school	cano [cànnò] <i>verb</i>	ceer [cèér] <i>verb</i>	céllèè can be fenced
cal [cáál] <i>noun</i>	heaping, piling	(to) slip	céllò fencing
1 picture, photograph	cano [cànnò] <i>verb</i>	ceer [cèér] <i>verb</i>	cel [cèèl] <i>noun</i>
2 drawing, illustration	disturbing, troubling	(to) rise from death	a net for hanging utensils from the roof
cal [cáál] <i>adjective, noun</i>	cang [càāng] <i>verb</i>	ceer [cèér] <i>verb</i>	cel [cèèl] <i>verb</i>
1 alike	(to) heal	1 (to) row	1 (to) shoot
2 resemblance	cànngò healing	2 (of grain) spread out to dry	2 (to) hit with stones; throw stones at
3 alikeness	cany [cààny] <i>adverb</i>	ceg [cèèg] <i>verb</i>	célléé throwing stones at each other; shooting at each other
calo [cállóó] <i>conjunction</i>	(of hair) plenty	(to) close door, box etc.	céllèè can be stoned, shot at
1 like	cany [càāny] <i>verb</i>	céggéè can be closed	céllò stoning, shooting
2 as, as if	(to) hit with a stone	cèggò closing, shutting	celo [cèllò] <i>noun</i>
ínéén cálló lákwyòò you look like a thief	cànnýò hitting	cego [cègò] <i>adjective</i>	bird species, a sparrow
cam [cáám] <i>noun</i>	caran [càrààn] <i>noun</i>	short	celo [cèllò] <i>noun</i>
food	sewing machine	SGL cèèk	1 frying
cam [càām] <i>verb</i>	SWA <i>carani</i>	cek [cèèk] <i>adjective</i>	2 fencing, enclosing
(to) eat	caro [càrò] <i>noun</i>		
càmmò déén getting into debt	rural area		

celo [cèllò] *noun*
 1 pelting, hurling stones at, stoning
 2 shooting
cen [céén] *adverb*
 still to come, behind
cen [cèèn] *noun*
 spirits, often vengeful one of the dead
cen [cèèn] *verb*
 (to) curse, put a spell on
cènnò cursing, casting a spell on
cente [céntè] *noun*
 money
ceno [cèñò] *noun*
 loin cloth (of women)
ceng [cèëng] *noun*
 1 sun
 2 day of the week
 3 day time
cèëng càbíít Sunday
dyèè cèëng during the day
ceng [cééng] *adverb*
 in the past
cer [cèér] *verb*
 (to) insist on doing a thing
cèrrò lòk insisting on an issue
cèrréè insisting upon doing a thing
cérrè she is insisting upon
cere [céré] *noun*
 whip made usually from hippopotamus hide
 ALSO ànínd
cere [céré] *noun*
 a steep piece of land upwards, hill

cere [cèrréè] *verb*
 (to) insist on doing a thing one is not capable of, or not wanted to do
cèrrò insistence
cero [cèrrò] *verb*
 1 drive animal by hunters
 2 to insist
ceyo [cèyyò] *verb*
 snatching.
ci [cí] *conjunction*
 but, then
ci [cí] *noun*
 wife of
cí wóddà my son's wife; daughter in law
cib [cìib] *verb*
 (to) gently and carefully place, put a thing in a place
cíbbéè can be gently placed, put in place
cíbbò placing a thing gently in a place
cid [cìid] *verb*
 1 (to) blacken
 2 (to) make a thing dirty
cid [ciid] *verb*
 (to) clean or polish the grinding stone
cíid wíj kàddí clean the grinding stone
cida [cida] *noun*
 bed made from Y-shaped poles dug into the ground as the legs
cik [ciik] *verb*
 (to) instruct
cíkkèè can be instructed
cikkè instruct her

cíkkéè instructing each other
cikkò instructing
cik [ciik] *verb*
 (to) lay traps
cíkkèè can be trapped
cikkò laying traps
cik [cíik] *noun*
 1 law, rules, regulations
 2 the Commandment
 CFR óór
ciko [cikkò] *noun*
 1 instructing 2 laying traps
cil [cìil] *adjective*
 clean
 ALSO lèèng
cilo [cìlò] *adjective*
 dirt
cim [cíim] *verb*
 (to) point to; point at; point out
címmèè can be pointed out, at, to
címmè point her out, point at her
címmò pointing at, to, out
cim [cíim] *noun*
 telephone SWA simu
cimo [címmò] *noun*
 pointing to; pointing out
cin [cíín] *noun*
 1 intestine
 2 tripe
cing [cííng] *noun*
 hand
cir [ciir] *verb*
 (to) endure, tolerate
círréè can be endured
círrò enduring, putting up with
ciro [cìrrò] *noun*
 enduring
cirikali [círikálí] *noun*
 soldier
 SWA shrikali
cit [cìit] *verb*
 (to) go
cittò going
cito [cittò] *noun*
 going
citam [cítáám] *noun*
 stamp (ENG)
citecen [cítécèn] *noun*
 station (police, train etc) (ENG)
cito [cittò] *verb*
 putting up with, enduring
cittò cààn enduring poverty
cito [cittò] *verb*
 going
cob [còob] *verb*
 spear, pierce
cóbbéè can be speared, stabbed
còbbè stab him
còbbò stabbing
cob [còob] *verb*
 (to) finish, complete
cóbbéè can be completed
còbbò completing
cobo [còbò] *noun*
 piercing, stabbing
cobo [còbbò] *noun*
 completing
coc [cóóc] *noun*
 1 writing
 2 sowing
cod [còdò] *verb*
 (to) break, snap
còddò breaking off, snapping

codo [còddò] *noun*
 snapping, breaking off
coga [cógá] *noun*
 castor oil tree. seed
cogi [cóggí] *adjective*
 (a bunch of) big, huge things
cogo [cògó] *noun*
 bone
cogo [cògò] *noun*
 last born
 CFR káyóð
cok [còðk] *verb*
 (to) collect, gather
cok [cóðk] *adjective*
 near
cok [cóðk] *adverb*
 in the near future, soon
cok [còðk] *verb*
 (of rain) to cease
cokci [cókci] *noun*
 socks (ENG)
coke [còkkéè] *verb*
 coming together; gathering, assembling, collecting
coko [còkkò] *verb*
 bringing together; collecting, gathering, assembling
coko [còkkò] *verb*
 connecting poles together
coke [cóól] *adjective*
 1 black
 2 dark
 3 dirty
cwínnýé cóól he is evil hearted
col [còðl] *verb*
 assist a woman giving birth
cola [còlá] *noun*
 state of mourning
com [còðm] *verb*
 (to) fix a hoe handle

còmmò fixing a hoe handle
com [còðm] *verb*
 (to) converge upon a person
còmmò converging upon a person
coom [còðm] *verb*
 (to) pour
comoro [còmòrò] *noun*
 a tree whose leaves can be used as sandpaper
con [còðn] *adverb*
 1 in the past
 2 early
 òðskò còðn early in the morning
cong [còðng] *noun*
 knee
 cònnigā my knees
conglum [còõnglúùm] *noun*
 grass stalk
cony [còðny] *verb*
 make a hole in polenta
conya [còñyà] *noun*
 abuse
coo [còð] *verb*
 (to) write
coo [còð] *verb*
 (to) sow
coo [còð] *noun*
 1 men
 2 husbands
 SGL lácòð
coo [còð] *verb*
 1 (to) wake up
 2 (to) rise
coo [còð] *adjective*
 (of smell) pungent, foul

coo [còð] *noun*
 guinea worm
coo [còð] *noun*
 porcupine
coo [còð] *noun*
 boundary
coor [còðr] *verb*
 (to) push
coro [còrò] *noun*
 a board game, which may be dug on the ground, having rows and columns
coro [còrrò] *verb*
 pushing
coro [còrrò] *verb*
 wasting money
cot [cóót] *noun* making love
cot [còðt] *verb*
 (to) snap, break
cot [cóót] *verb*
 reaching puberty
coto [còtò] *noun* mud
coto [còttò] *verb* snapping, breaking
coto [còttò] *verb*
 pounding a wet cassava, groundnut
coyo [còyyò] *verb*
 1 waking
 2 rising up
coyo [còyyò] *verb*
 1 writing
 2 sewing
cub [cùüb] *verb*
 stab, spear
cubbèè can be stabbed
cubbèè stabbing each other
cubbò stabbing, spearing

cubu [cùbù] *adverb*
 splashing noise made by a thing falling in water
cubo [cùbbò] *noun*
 stabbing, spearing
cuc [cùùc] *adverb*
 really black
cóól ní cùùc completely dark
cuce [cùccéè] *verb*
 to hang around for a thing
cuci [cúcí] *noun*
 husks, chaff
cud [cùùd] *verb*
 to kill a person already dying
cude [cùddéè] *verb*
 assisting in death
cudo [cùddò] *verb*
 killing a person already dying
cudu [cùddù] *adjective*
 protruding, jutting out
cugu [cùgù] *noun*
 ants
cuk [cúúk] *noun*
 market
 ARA shouk
cuk [cùük] *verb*
 1 encourage to do usually an unpleasant thing
 2 (of a dog) set on a target
cuka [cúkà] *noun*
 bedsheet
cukari [cùkári] *noun*
 sugar (ENG)
cuке [cùkkéè] *verb*
 1 (to) try to
 2 (to) attempt
cuku [cùkkù] *verb*
 urging

cul [cùūl] *verb*
 (to) plug holes
cúllèè can be plugged
cùllò plugging

cul [cùùl] *noun*
 payment

cul [cùūl] *verb*
 (to) pay
cùllò bányá paying debts
cúllèè 1 can be paid 2 paying the self
cùllò paying

cul [cùūl] *verb*
 (to) avenge, revenge; pay back
cùllò wààng avenging, revenging, pay back

cul [cùūl] *verb*
 1 (to) dilute
 2 (to) pour cold water into hot water or vice versa
 3 (to) add more water into a sauce

cula [cùlá] *noun*
 an island

cula [cùlá] *adjective*
 alone

culo [cùllò] *verb*
 diluting a thing with more water

culo [cùllò] *noun*
 1 paying
 2 avenging
 3 plugging

culu [cùllú] *adverb*
 splashing sound of a thing falling in water

cun [cýún] *noun*
 penis

cun [cùūn] *verb*
 court (a girl)
cùnnà courtship
cùnnéè flirting
cùnnò courting

cuno [cùnnò] *noun*
 courting

cung [cùūng] *verb*
 1 stand
 2 stop, halt
 3 contest an election
cùnggù standing, contesting an election, halting

cung kal [cúúng káàl] *noun*
 millet chaff

cunge [cúnggèè] *verb*
 can be pressed

cungu [cùrngrù] *noun*
 1 standing
 2 contesting

cuny [cùūny] *verb*
 build

cupa [cúpà] *noun*
 bottle

cupuria [cùpùriâ] *noun*
 saucepan
 SWA *sufuria*

cur [cùùur] *verb*
 pound

cur [cùùr] *verb*
 pour a large amount of water

cura [cúrà] *noun*
 chapter

cura [cúráà] *noun*
 mathematics, arithmetics

curu [cùrrù] *verb*
 1 pounding of millet
 2 adding water

curu buk [cùurù býúk] *noun*
 bellow

curuwal [cùrùwáàl] *noun*
 pair of trousers
 SWA *suruwaal*

cut [cùùt] *adverb*
 happening immediately, right now

cut [cúút] *noun*
 suit (ENG)

cur [cùùr] *verb*
 (to) groan

cwaaw [cwáá] *noun*
 tamarind

cwac [cwááç] *adverb*
 (modifies long) really long, far. *bòòr ní cwááç* really long, far

cwak [cwààk] *noun* jaw

cwak [cwààk] *verb*
 (to) support, come to the aid of, defend

cwákkèè can be defended, supported

cwàkké support, defend her

cwàkkò defending, supporting

cwak obo [cwààk òbóò] *noun*
 a pole to which hunting nets are tied

cwako [cwàkkò] *noun*
 supporting, defending

cwal [cwààl] *verb*
 (to) send

cwállèè can be sent

cwàllé send her

cwállò sending

cwalo [cwàllò] *noun*
 sending

cwar [cwààr] *noun*
 husband

cwàrrá my husband

cwàrrè her husband

cwàrrí your husband

cware [cwàrè] *noun*
 bedbugs

cwe [cwèè] *verb*
 (to) create, make, knit, mould

cwe [cwèè] *noun*
 creating, creation

cwèyyò creating, moulding

làcwèèc creator; God

cwe [cwéé] *noun*
 meat soup

cwe [cwéé] *verb*
 1 (to) be fat
 2 (to) become fat

cwéyyó becoming fat, putting on weight

cweec [cwééc] *noun*
 1 being fat
 2 becoming fat

cwer [cwèèr] *verb*
 1 (to) leak
 2 (to) bleed

cwer [cwèèr] *verb*
 (to) plane wood

cwero [cwèrrò] *verb*
 planing wood

cwet [cwétà] *noun*
 sweater, pullover (ENG)

cweyo [cwèyyò] *noun*
 creating, moulding

cwi [cwìi] *verb*
 (to) suck

cwic [cwíic] *noun*
sucking
cwiny [cwíiny] *noun*
1 heart
2 sentiments, emotions
cwínnýé cwéé he is upset
cwiny [cwíiny] *verb*
(of water etc level) to dip,
fall low, reduce
cwiny [cwíiny] *verb*
(of polenta) to dip into sauce
cwiny [cwíiny] *verb*
1 to light
2 set alight
cwínnýò setting alight, lighting
cwinyo [cwínnýò] *noun*
1 (to) be stung by a bee
etc
2 (to) set alight; torch
cwir [cwiìr] *noun*
rainy season
cwit [cwíit] *noun*
sweet (ENG)

D d

daa [dàà] *verb*
(to) quarrel
dàà móón unceasing rain
daa [dàà] *noun*
quarelling, bickering
daa [dàà] *noun*
1 grandmother
2 mother of one's husband;
mother in law
dàà nā my grandmother,
my mother in law

dàà wà our grandmother,
our mother in law
daa [dàà] *verb*
(to) enlarge, widen
daa- [dàà-] *prefix*
lady, woman
ALSO **dáá**
dàà qbilàà a woman who
looks after the ancestral shrine
dáá kékér royal wife; queen
dáá cwíiny beloved wife,
favourite wife
dáá tòò widower
dab [dààb] *verb*
(to) sew or stitch up tem-
porarily and hurriedly
dàbbò sewing up temporar-
ily
daba [dàbà] *noun*
mud
dad [dààd] *verb*
(to) cut open, split open
dàddò cutting open
dag [dàág] *verb*
(to) refuse, reject; to not
like
ALSO **déég**
dàggò hating, hatred, re-
fusal
dag [dáág] *noun*
refusal, rejection, hatred
ALSO **déég**
dago [dàggò] *noun*
refusing, refecting
dak [dààk] *adjective*
a large utensil
dààk kwóón cooking uten-
sil
dak [dààk] *verb*

move to another area; im-
migrate
dako [dákóó] *noun*
1 woman
2 wife
dákó nā my wife
PLU **móón**
dan [dàän] *noun*
palate
dan [dàän] *noun*
inner top part of house; ceil-
ing
dano [dánóò] *noun*
human being, person
dang [dàñg] *verb*
(to) scrape especially meat
from the skin
dany [dààny] *adverb*
scatter in all direction when
in flight
dany [dàäny] *verb*
1 (to) part hair
2 (to) part ways
danyo [dànnýò] *verb* separat-
ing, parting
danyu [dànyú] *noun*
rainbow
dar [dàär] *verb*
(to) separate or clean by
sorting out
dat [dàät] *verb*
(to) spear several times
dawa [dáwà] *noun*
medicine
SWA *dawa*
ALSO **yàat**
dayo [dàyyò] *noun*
being a grandmother
dayo [dàyyò] *verb*
widening

debe [débè] *noun*
tin of about four gallons
SWA *debbe*
dec [dééc] *verb*
retching, puking, vomit-
ing
dec [dééc] *noun*
strangulation
ded [dèèd] *verb*
open by force
dede [dèèdè] *adjective*
(of water) lukewarm
dee [dèë] *verb*
(to) strangulate
dènnéè to strangulate each
other, the self
dénéè can be strangled
dènnò strangling
dee [dèè] *verb*
(to) adorn, make beauti-
ful
dee [dèé] *verb*
pride
dek [dèèk] *noun*
(meat, vegetable, etc) sauce
dèèk bòò vegetable (cow peas
leaves) sauce
dèèk rìngò meat sauce
deel [dèèl] *noun*
skin, hide
dèèl ràà hippopotamus hide
deel [dèèl] *verb*
(to) keep an eye on
dem [dèèm] *adjective*
tired
dem [dèèm] *verb*
cut a big chunk
den [dèén] *noun*
debt, loan

SWA den
 ALSO **bányá**
den [dèēn] *verb*
 (to) borrow, loan
dènnò cààn enduring poverty; suffering
dénnèè can be borrowed or loaned
dènnè loan him or her
dènnò loaning, borrowing
 SWA *den*
deno [dènnò] *noun*
 loaning, borrowing
der [dèēr] *verb*
 (to) decorate
der [déér] *noun*
 strangulating the self; committing suicide
dero [dèrò] *noun*
 granary
det [dèèt] *adjective*
 fresh
deyo [dèyyò] *noun*
 ornament
deyo [dèyyò] *verb*
 strangling
did [diid] *verb*
 insist
dii [dií] *verb*
 press, persevere
dil [diil] *verb*
 stuff, compress, press
dílèè can be stuffed, compressed, pressed
dillò stuffing, compressing
dilo [dillò] *noun*
 stuffing, compressing
dim [dim] *noun*
 spike

din [dìn] *verb*
 (to) thresh grain
dínnèè can be threshed
dínnò threshing
dini [díni] *noun*
 religion
 SWA *dini*
dino [dínnò] *verb*
 softening hide
ding [dìng] *adjective*
 narrow
ding [dìng] *verb*
 (to) strain beer
ding [dìng] *noun*
 chin
ding [dìng] *verb*
 (to) coerce
ding [dìng] *adjective*
 numb
ding [dìng] *noun*
 deafness
dingi dingi [dìngí dìngí] *noun*
 a dance displaying elegance, beauty and adeptness, usually by girls
dingo [dìngò] *verb*
 straining local beer **kwètè**
dir [díjr] *verb*
 1 (to) move away
 2 (to) edge backward or forward
dírré céén move back
dírréè can be moved
dírréè move back, away
dírrò moving
dira [dírá] *noun*
 communal work done by women
dirica [dírícà] *noun*
 window

SWA *dirisa*
 ALSO **wààng òt**
diro [dírró] *noun*
 craftmabship, skill
diro [dírrò] *noun*
 1 edging closer or farther
 2 moving a thing
dit [díít] *noun*
 art, skill
diyo [díyyò] *verb*
 pressing , compressing
do [dó] *adverb*
 used for assurance
àwáccò dó I did inform her!
dob [dóób] *noun*
 treachery
dobø [dòbbò] *noun*
 betraying
dobø [dòbò] *noun*
 leprosy
lùdòbó a leper
lùdòbó lepers
dod [dòqd] *verb*
 (to) pile, stack
dóddéè can be stacked, piled
dóddéè the act of piling, stacking up
dòddò stacking, piling things, stacking
dog [dóóg] *noun*
 1 mouth
 2 river source
 3 beak, brim
dóóg óót door
dog [dóóg] *noun*
 language
dóóg múnū language of the white people; English
dogi [dògí] *noun*
 poorly developed beans, nuts etc
dogo [dògò] *noun*
 tree bark
dok [dòök] *verb*
 return, go back
dòök páçò go back home
dok [dòök] *verb*
 to become
dókkòò becomes, becoming
dókkò ràc will become bad
dòkkò ràc becoming bad
doke [dòkké] *verb*
 procrastination
 ALSO **gàlléè**
doko [dòkkò] *verb*
 1 going back, returning
 2 becoming
dòkkò lákwoò becoming a thief
dol [dòöł] *verb*
 (to) fold up, roll up
dòöl kàbütò fold up the sleeping things
dóllèè can be folded up
dòllò folding up
dol [dòöł] *noun*
 circular hut structure which rests on the poles
dolo [dòllò] *verb*
 folding up, rolling up
dolo [dółò] *noun*
 colobus monkey
dong [dòöng] *conjunction, adverb*
 1 then, after
 2 now
dòöng bér it is better now
dong [dòöng] *verb*

1 (to) remain behind
 2 (to) be left back
dong [dòōng] *verb*
 (to) grow, mature, develop
dónggó mābéér it is growing well
dònggò bēér growth is good; development is good
dònngò growing up, developing, maturing
dong [dòōng] *verb*
 (to) hit especially with the fist; box
dónngèè can be hit
dònngò hitting
dong [dòōng] *verb*
 (to) raise an alarm
dònngò dñúür raising an alarm
dongo [dònngò] *verb*
 growing up, developing
dongo [dònngò] *verb*
 hitting, slapping
dony [dòöny] *verb*
 1 (to) enter
 2 (to) grasp a concept, understand
 3 (to) get out into
donyo [dònnyò] *verb*
 1 entering
 2 enlisting, joining
 3 understanding
ðdñnyò i wñā mā bēér I have understood it well
donyo [dònnyò] *verb*
 entering, enlisting
doo [dòō] *verb*
 (to) weed
dòyyò weeding
doo [dòō] *noun*

1 weed
 2 weeding
door [dòōr] *verb*
 (to) drill, march
dórrèè can be drilled
dórréè marching
dórrò the act of marching, drilling
dot [dòōt] *verb*
 1 (to) suck breast
 2 (to) suckle
dóttèè can be sucked
dóttò sucking breast
dot [dòōt] *verb*
 (to) kiss
 ALSO *nòttò*
dot [dòōt] *verb*
 (to) accuse
dóttèè can be accused
dóttéè trading accusations
dóttò accusing
dot [dòōt] *noun*
 accusation
doto [dòttò] *verb*
 1 sucking breast; being breast fed
 2 kissing
doto [dòttò] *verb*
 1 penance, confessing
 2 accusation, accusing
dóttò báál confessing
doyo [dòyyò] *noun*
 weeding
ducu [dúcú] *adjective*
 all
gín dúcú all of them
dud [dúyúd] *noun*
 buttocks
dugu [dùgú] *verb*

1 swelling
 2 skin disease
duka [dúkà] *noun*
 shop
swa dhuka
dul [dùúl] *verb*
 coerce
dul [dùúl] *verb*
 stuff things into your mouth etc
dul [dúúl] *noun*
 club as a weapon
dula [dúlá] *noun*
 granary
 ALSO *dérò*
dum [dùúm] *verb*
 (to) speak a foreign language
dume [dùmé] *noun*
 sorghum species
dumu [dùmmù] *verb*
 cutting a large piece
dumu [dùmmù] *verb*
 speaking of a foreign language
dung [dùüng] *verb*
 (to) frighten with much talk
dùnnngò load with many words
duny [dùünny] *verb*
 1 (to) wipe clean
 2 (to) mop a wet surface
dúnnyèè can be wiped
dùnnnyù wiping, mopping
duny [dùünny] *verb*
 1 (of smoke) to rise
 2 (to) emit smell
dur [dúúr] *adjective*
 stingy
lädùür a stingy person

dunyo [dùnnnyò] *noun*
 (of smoke) rising up
dur [dùüür] *verb*
 (to) pile, heap
dùrréè collected together
dùrrò assembling together
duru [dúrrúù] *verb*
 (of animal) to be pregnant
 ALSO *ðdúróò*
durui [dúrrýù] *noun*
 dregs found at water pot bottom
duru [dùrrò] *noun*
 assembling things
dwad [dwàäd] *verb*
 (to) entangle
dwàddò getting entangled
dwado [dwàddò] *noun*
 entangling
dwal [dwàäl] *verb*
 1 (to) entangle
 2 (to) get entangled
dwállá entanglement
dwállèè can be entangled
dwàllò entangling
dwal [dwàäl] *verb*
 (to) knead polenta
dwalo [dwállò] *noun*
 entangling
dwan [dwáán] *noun*
 1 voice
 2 throat
dwar [dwàär] *noun*
 hunting
dwàrrò hunting
dwaro [dwàrrò] *noun*
 hunting
dwe dwèè *noun*
 1 moon
 2 month

dwele [dwèllèè] *verb*
 (of a tall tree) to climb up

dwengo [dwènggò] *verb*
 speak fluently

dwet [dwèt] *verb*
 (of the eyes) to water

dwiny [dwìñy] *verb*
 crush a thing

dwir [dwìir] *adverb*
 fast, swift

dwírròò fastness, swiftness

dwo [dwòō] *verb*
 (to) drive

dwòyyò driving

dwoc [dwóóc] *verb*
 driving

dwod [dwòd] *verb*
 pile

dwóddèè can be piled

dwòddò piling up

dwodo [dwòddò] *verb*
 1 tying goats
 2 piling up

dwog [dwòög] *verb*
 1 (to) go back, return
 2 (to) come back

dwòög pácō come back home

dwòggò returning

dwogo [dwòggò] *verb*
 returning

dwok [dwòök] *verb*
 (to) return a thing, person

dwókkèè can be returned

dwòkkē 1 return it back to her 2 return her back 3 respond to her; reply her

dwòkkò returning things

dwoko [dwòkkò] *verb*
 returning things, people

dwol [dwòòl] *noun*
 animal pen; kraal

dwon [dwòōn] *verb*
 of a water source to dry up

dwong [dwòōng] *verb*
 knock, tap

dwòōng dògòllà knock at the door

dwong [dwóóng] *adjective*
 big, large, plenty

dwor [dwòōr] *verb*
 pamper, indulge

dwòōr cwárì indulge your husband

dwoyo [dwòyyò] *noun*
 driving

dyak [dyàák] *adjective*
 wet

dyang [dyààng] *noun*
 cattle, cow

PLU **dyàngí**

dyangi [dyángí] *noun*
 cattle, cows

SGL **dyààng**

dye [dyèè] *adjective*
 middle

dyed [dyèèd] *verb*
 (to) balance on the head; stack up

dyèddò balancing, stacking up

dyedo [dyèddò] *noun*
 balancing a thing on the head; stacking up

dyegi [dyégí] *noun*
 goats

SGL **dyèèl**

dyel [dyèèl] *noun*

goat

PLU **dyégí**

dyeny [dyèëny] *verb*
 (to) insist

dyer [dyèér] *verb*
 (of food) to leave some; reserve some

E e

e [-e] *prefix*

- 1 short form of the third person pronoun; she, he
- 2 short form of the pronoun used to refer back to the speaker; reflexive

òwàccò ní ècámmdò lòwórrò he said that he ate it yesterday

ALSO **é**

e [e-] *suffix*

- 1 the short form of third person singular; she, he
- 2 the short form used as the benefactive— to, for him, her. *òkèllè lòwórrò* He brought it for her yesterday
- 3 the short form of the third person pronoun used to refer back to the speaker; reflexive. *òlwòké lòwórrò* I washed myself yesterday
- 4 short form of the third person in possessive

òttéè her house

ALSO **é**

ee [éé] *adverb*
 negation marker, no

éè pé én No, she /it is not the one

ee [èè] *adverb*
 yes

èè ménno én yes, that is the one; yes. she is the one

ego [ègòò] *demonstrative*
 those (near the addressee)

gín égòò they are those ones

el [èèl] *verb*
 1 to raise up, elavate
 2 (of a covered or closed thing) uncover, lift open

èèl cíngí málò raise up your hand

éllèè can be lifted open

èllò opening, lifting open

elo [èllò] *verb*
 initiate a thing

èllò lwéény starting a fight

em [éém] *noun*
 thigh

em [èém] *noun*
 take, carry

en [én] *pronoun*
 full form of the third person sg; she, it, he

én één here she is!

en [èèn] *adverb*
 this, here

ènèè here it is

ento [éntóó] *conjunction*
 but, however

er [èèr] *verb*
 initiate, instigate

èèr lwéény start a fight

èrrò initiating, starting

ero [èrrò] *noun*
 starting, initiating
ete [ètté] *verb*
 attempting to do things beyond ones means
eyo [èyò] *adverb*
 yes

G g

ga [gáá] *noun*
 things, property, possession
 ALSO **jémì**, **jámì**
ga [gàá] *verb*
 to glance
gab [gàáb] *verb*
 to hang up a thing
gàáb cáál málō hang up the picture
gàbbò hanging up
gab [gàáb] *verb*
 (to) mend
gábbèè can be hung
gàbbò mending
gaba [gàbà] *adverb*
 really tall, extremely tall
bòdr ní gábà she is really tall
gabumente [gàbùmén té] *noun*
 government (ENG)
 ALSO **gáméntè**
gabo [gàbbò] *noun*
 1 mending
 2 hanging a thing up
gabuna [gábúnà] *noun*
 governor (ENG)

gac [gàāc] *verb*
 (to) look through corner of the eyes; glance
gad [gàād] *verb*
 to gobble, eat excess amount
gàddò excessive eating
gadi gadi [gàdì gàdì] *noun*
 wheelbarrow
gado [gàddò] *noun*
 excessive eating
gak [gàák] *verb*
 1 to remain behind
 2 (to) not come back, return
gààk remaining behind
gak [gàák] *verb*
 (to) grind coarsely; first round of grinding
gàkkò grinding a thing coarsely
gako [gàkkò] *noun*
 grinding coarsely
gal [gàál] *verb*
 (to) delay
gàlléè delaying the self
gàllò delaying, holding back
gam [gàám] *verb*
 (to) receive, accept
gámmē receive him, welcome him
gámmèè can be accepted
gàmē accept her
gàmmò acceptance
gam [gàám] *verb*
 (to) respond, reply
gàmmē respond to her
gámmèè can be responded to
gàmmē respond to her
gàmmò responding to

gamo [gàmmò] *noun*
 responding, answering, accepting
gan [gàän] *adjective*
 good
gànnò to marvel
gano [gànnò] *noun*
 marvelling
gang [gààng] *noun*
 home, village
gango [gàngò] *verb*
 fencing the homestead
gango [gàngò] *noun*
 ancestral worship place
gango [gàngò] *noun*
 last funeral rites
gaar [gàär] *verb*
 search, look for
gar [gàär] *noun*
 train
gara [gàrà] *noun*
 ankle rattle
gara [gàrá] *noun*
 hen pen
 ALSO **gòró**
garo [gàrrò] *verb*
 stabbing an animal
gaya [gàyá] *noun*
 sorghum species
 ALSO **gèyā**
gayi [gàyì] *noun*
 cane
gec [gèec] *verb*
 guess
gèccò guessing
geco [gèccò] *verb*
 guessing
ged [gèéd] *verb*
 (to) build

gedo [géddóò] *noun*
 building, buildings
gee [gèë] *verb*
 (to) wipe clean
gèë máléèng wipe it clean
gek [gèèk] *noun*
 hiccup
 ALSO **dììk**
gek [géèk] *noun*
 gecko
gem [gèèm] *adjective*
 greed
gem [gèèm] *verb*
 to be trapped
gemo [gèmò] *noun*
 an infectious disease
gemo [gèmmò] *noun*
 rebellion
gen [géén] *noun*
 trusting, believing in, having faith in
gen [gèén] *verb*
 1 (to) trust
 2 (to) believe in
 3 (to) rely upon
génnéè can be trusted, relied upon
gènné trust her, believe in her
gènnò trusting in, believing in, relying on; having faith
geno [gènnò] *noun*
 trusting, believing
geng [gèèng] *adjective*
 a well built person
geng [gèèng] *verb*
 (to) prevent, hinder
génngèè can be prevented

gènngē prevent her
gènngò prevention
gengo [gènngò] *noun*
 preventing, obstructing
ger [gēér] *verb*
 (to) build
gèrrē build a house for him
gérreè can be built
gèrrò the act of building
ger [gēér] *verb*
 (to) make love
gèrréé making love
gèrrò the act of making love
ger [géér] *noun*
 marriage
ger [gēér] *verb*
 (of a compound, road etc)
 to clean by grading
gēér dìkàl clean the compound
gèrrò clearing the surrounding by digging
ger [gèér] *adjective*
 1 wild
 2 angry
ger [gèér] *noun*
 animal path
gero [gèrrò] *verb*
 1 building
 2 making love
 3 marrying
 4 clearing compound, road etc
gero [gérroó] *noun*
 anger, ferocity, wildness, rage
get [gèét] *verb*
 block the way
geya [gèyā] *noun*

sorghum species
 ALSO **gàyā**
geyo [gèyyò] *verb*
 wiping up
gi [gī-] *prefix*
 1 short form of third person plural: 'they'
 2 the short form used in the non-past
gítéè they are present
CFR gú-
 ALSO **gi-**
gi [-gī] *suffix*
 1 short form of the third person plural pronoun; "they"
 2 marks the possessive
òt gi their house
méggí theirs
gicere [gícéré] *noun*
 a small guard in which oil is kept
gicika [gícikáà] *noun*
 curtain
 ALSO **kícikáà**
gid [gīd] *verb*
 (to) tickle
giddò tickling
gido [giddò] *verb*
 tickling
gigi [gìgì] *pronoun*
 theirs
gigu [gigū] *noun*
 1 their things
 2 those things
gik [gīk] *verb*
 1 (to) end, bring to an end
 2 (to) arrest the development
gikkò ending, terminating

gik [gīk] *noun*
 hiccup
 ALSO **ögìlk**
gik [gīk] *noun*
 1 ending, terminating
 2 halting
giko [gikkò] *verb*
 1 ending
 2 terminating, termination
 3 bringing to an end
gikun [gíkúún] *noun*
 fowl fleas
 ALSO **kíkúún, kíkúúny**
gin [gíín] *pronoun*
 full form of the third person plural pronoun, "they."
gín lùkwoò they are thieves
gin [gíin] *noun*
 1 things
 2 instruments, tools
gíin cáàm eating utensils
gínnéè her things
gíin gí their things, property
gin [gíin] *noun*
 possession, property
 PLU **jémì**
ging [gííng] *adverb*
 tying things tightly
gingi [gíngi] *adjective*
 petulance
giny [gíiny] *verb*
 1 tickle
 2 rub
gínnyéè can be tickled, rubbed
gínnyò tickling , rubbing
 ALSO **giddí**
gipiny [gípíny] *noun*
 property

gipwola [gípwólà] *noun*
 misfortune, mishap
 ALSO **kípólà**
git [gíit] *verb*
 (to) peel
gítéè peel it for her
gítteè can be peeled
gittò peeling
gito [gíttò] *noun*
 peeling
gitoga [gítogáà] *noun*
 grass species used for building granaries
gitogo [gítogó] *noun*
 placenta, afterbirth
 ALSO **pèél, byèrò**
gob [gòob] *verb*
 1 (to) scrape
 2 collect dirt
gòbbò scraping
goba [gòbà] *noun*
 lies
lágòbà a liar
lùgòbà liars
goc [góóc] *noun*
 beating, striking, hitting
goga [gógá] *noun*
 a shack
goga [gògà] *noun*
 jest, concert , play, drama
gogogogo [gògògògò] *noun*
 turaco
gogo [gògò] *adverb*
 being spread out
gogo [gógó] *noun*
 fence made of logs, stockade
gok [góók] *noun*
 brisket

gool [góol] <i>verb</i>	gony [góóny] <i>noun</i> a resting place	1 rock, stone	gul [gùùl] <i>noun</i> nook
1 (to) extract, take out, clear	gony [gòóny] <i>verb</i>	2 mountain, hill	gúúl òòt corner of a room
2 (to) string things together	1 untie	goyo [góyyò] <i>verb</i>	gul [gùùl] <i>verb</i> dent, make a hole
3 (to) curve a hole out of	2 release from prison, set	1 beating	gullo [gúllóó] <i>verb</i> sprouting
4 (to) extract information	free	2 (of a person, thing) be-	gum [gùùm] <i>noun</i> luck
out off	gónnýèè can be untied	ing beaten by rain	gùùm mábéér good luck
5 (to) excavate	gónnýò untying	3 ringing a bell, telephone	gùùm máráác bad luck
góllèè can be extracted, cleared,	gonye [gónnyéè] <i>verb</i>	4 raising an alarm	gùùm kòòm being lucky
excavated	being delivered of a baby	5 blessing	gun [gùùn] <i>verb</i> crowding
góllò hollowing, extract-	gonyo [gónnyò] <i>noun</i>	6 constructing	guna [gùùnà] <i>noun</i> having a secret compart-
ing, excavating	1 untying	góyyò bùùl beating drum	ment
gola [gòlà] <i>noun</i>	2 setting free	góyyò oláng ringing a bell	lápòòk cínggé gùùnà he who
snake, cobra	goo [gòò] <i>verb</i>	góyyò láá blessing	divides has hidden com-
gola [gólá] <i>adjective</i>	1 (to) beat	gub [gùùb] <i>verb</i>	partments
double faced person	2 (to) bless	(to) sip	gunia [gùùnà] <i>noun</i> sack
goli [gòlì] <i>noun</i>	góonéè beating one another	gúbbéè can be sipped	gung [gùùng] <i>verb</i> kneel, bow
fishing hook	gónnéè can be beaten	gùbbò sipping	gùnnéè kneeling, bowing
golo [gòllò] <i>noun</i>	gor [góór] <i>noun</i>	guc [gùùc] <i>verb</i> throw, fling	gungo [gùùngò] <i>noun</i> kneeling, bowing
extracting, nodding	an animal species	gud [gùùccò] <i>verb</i> taking to flight	guny [gùùny] <i>noun</i>
gom [gòòm] <i>verb</i>	gor [gòòr] <i>verb</i>	guci [gùùcí] <i>noun</i> a slave	1 rising of smoke
1 (to) bend	(to) decorate	guco [gùùccò] <i>noun</i>	2 bubbling of boiling wa-
2 (to) cause to bend	goro [gòòrò] <i>adjective</i>	1 throwing	ter
gómméè can be bent	weak, infirm, disabled	2 taking to flight	3 foaming of beer
gómmò bending	lágòrò a weak, disabled per-	gud [gùùd] <i>verb</i>	gónnýèè bubbling, rising,
gomeci [góméci] <i>noun</i>	son	touch, feel	evaporating
female dress fashion, hav-	goro [gòòrò] <i>noun</i>	góddéè can be touched, reach-	gónyyyò bubbling, boiling
ing a top joined to a wrap-	fowl pen	able	
per below	ALSO ògòng	gùddò touching	
BNT <i>gomsi</i>	goro goro [góró górró] <i>noun</i>	gudo [gùddò] <i>verb</i>	gunya [gùnyà] <i>noun</i> chimpanzee
gomo [gòòmmò] <i>verb</i>	leopard	to be touched, affected by	gunyo [gùnnýò] <i>noun</i> bubbling, boiling
yearning to have	ALSO ngùùr, kwààc	an issue	
gon [gòòn] <i>verb</i>	goroto [gòòròtò] <i>noun</i>	lòòk ògùddò én the issues have	
1 go via (rather than straight	a sour vegetable	touched her	
2 change direction	ALSO lòògòròtò		
gónnò changing direction	gore [górréè] <i>verb</i>		
gong [gòòng] <i>verb</i>	can be decorated		
partially shut	górrò decorating		
góonnò partially shutting	got [gòòt] <i>noun</i>		
gongongwe [góngòngwéé] <i>noun</i>			
praying mantis			

gur [gúúr] *noun*
 volcanic stones
gur [gùúr] *verb*
 1 assemble, gather, collect
 2 arrange for funeral rites
gúréè can be assembled
gúréè assembling in one place
gùrrò assembling
guro [gùrdò] *verb*
 1 (to) surround
 2 (to) have the funeral rites
gur [gùúr] *verb*
 1 (to) season sauce
 2 (to) nail up a thing
gùrrò seasoning, nailing up
guro [gùrrò] *noun*
 assembling
guro [gùrrò] *noun*
 1 seasoning
 2 nailing up
guru guru [gùryùgùryù] *adjective*
 not softly cooked
gut [gùüt] *verb*
 (of abscess) to collect and make to appear swollen
guti [gútì] *noun*
 poles
gwa [gwàà] *adjective*
 1 rough, not smooth
 2 difficult
gwa [gwàà] *verb*
 plaster a wall etc
gwac [gwáác] *verb*
 smearing
gwad [gwààd] *verb*

clear, remove rubbish usually with the hand
gwàddò removing
gwado [gwàddò] *noun*
 removing
gwak [gwàák] *verb*
 1 embrace
 2 hold with arms across
gwàkkéè having hands across the self, embracing one another
gwàkkò embracing
gwako [gwàkkò] *noun*
 embracing
gwana [gwánà] *noun*
 cassava
 ALSO **gúrà**
gwang [gwàäng] *verb*
 spoil, confuse
gwànngeè being incoherent
gwànnngò incoherent speaking
gwango [gwànnngò] *noun*
 incoherent speaking
gwanya [gwányà] *noun*
 a sour tasting vegetable
gwar [gwàär] *verb*
 (to) gather collect
gwàär yúgù collect the rubbish
gwárrèè can be collected
gwàrrò collecting
gwara [gwàrà] *noun*
 calabash blown as a horn
gwaro [gwàrrò] *noun*
 collecting
gwayo [gwàyyò] *verb*
 smearing

gwe [gwèë] *verb*
 1 (to) kick
 2 (to) play football
gwééc kicking, playing football
gwec [gwèëc] *verb*
 to come off at a joint, to split
gwe [gwèë] *verb*
 (to) scoop sauce, get sauce to eat
gwe [gwèë] *noun*
 constipation caused by indigestion
gwed [gwèëd] *verb*
 (to) flip pluck, remove
gwèddò plucking, flipping
gwel [gwèël] *verb*
 (by hand movements) to beckon
gwele [gwèë] *noun*
 bedstead for sitting
gwel [gwèël] *verb*
 (to) get peanut butter etc with the finger
gwen [gwèën] *verb*
 (to) peel
gwènnò peeling
gweno [gwènò] *noun*
 hen
mìn gwènò hen
twòòn gwènò cock
gweng [gwèëng] *noun*
 pebble, stone
gweny [gwèëny] *verb*
 (to) scratch
gwénnyèè can be scratched
gwènnò scratching
gweny [gwèëny] *verb*
 (to) dislocate, come out of joint
gwenyo [gwènnyyò] *verb*
 by passing each other without meeting
gwer [gwèër] *verb*
 (to) skimp for food
gwer [gwéér] *verb*
 (to) vaccinate
gwèrrò vaccination, scarification
gwero [gwèrrò] *noun*
 vaccinating, scrafication
gwet [gwèët] *verb*
 (to) pluck
gweto [gwèttò] *noun*
 plucking
gweto [gwèttò] *verb*
 1 distracting attention
 2 marking books etc
gweyo [gwèyyò] *verb*
 scooping sauce
gweyo [gwèyyò] *verb*
 kicking
gweyo [gwéyyò] *verb*
 (of a dog) to bark
gwin [gwiìn] *verb*
 skimp, eat in tiny bits
gwinnò skimp eating
gwok [gwòòk] *verb*
 1 (to) take care of
 2 (to) protect
gwókkéè can be taken care of
gwòkké take care of her
gwòkkéè taking care of the self
gwòkkò taking care of
gwok [gwóók] *adjective*

1 forbidden thing
 2 taboo

gwok [gwòòk] *adverb*
 perhaps, may be
 ALSO **gwòòk nyóò**

gwok [gwóók] *noun*
 dog

gwoko [gwòkkò] *noun*
 taking care of; protecting

gwong [gwòòng] *noun*
 stammering

gwor [gwòòr] *verb*
 1 (of a hole) to enlarge, dig deeper
 2 to remove the top layers

gworo [gwòrrò] *noun*
 making larger

I i

i [i-] *prefix*
 1 short form of the second person singular pronoun; "you"
 2 the short form as it attaches as a prefix to verbs and adjectives
icíttó kwènè where are you going?
ibéér you are good
 ALSO **i-**

i [-i] *suffix*
 1 short form of the second person singular pronoun used as the possessive; you
tyènní your leg

2 short form of the pronoun used to refer back to the speaker; the dative
òkèllì he brought you
 3 short form of the singular pronoun used as a benefactive; to, for
òkèllì he brought it for you
 4 short form of the pronoun as it attaches to nouns
òttì your house
 ALSO **i**

i [i] *preposition*
 in
i òt in the house

i [í] *verb*
 (short form of the future particle) be, will
à ñ cíttó I am going; I will be going

ic [íc] *noun*
 1 stomach, belly
 2 pregnancy
tyéé kì ic she is pregnant

ido [iddo] *verb*
 to be possessed by the spirits

il [íil] *verb*
 lift up, raise up
íllèè can be raised
íllò lifting up, hoisting

in [íin] *pronoun*
 the full form of the second person pronoun; "you"
íín lákwyòò you are a thief

ir [ír] *preposition*
 for
írrä for me
írrè for her
írrì for you

ir [íír] *verb*
 to cast a spell on, bewitch

it [ít] *noun*
 scorpion
 ALSO **òtóòn**

it [íít] *noun*
 1 ear
 2 leaf

it [íít] *noun*
 a shallow well

it [íít] *verb*
 (to) climb, ascend
íttèè can be climbed
íttò climbing

ito [íttò] *verb*
 (animals) to mate

iyoo [iyòò] *verb*
 working hard

J j

ja [jàá] *verb*
 1 to have a bit of a thing
 2 to prepare a piece of land for cultivation

jar [Jàár] *verb*
 to rise up in rebellion

jab [jàáb] *verb*
 1 (to) massage a wound, swelling with hot water
 2 (to) clean a wound with hot water

jabu [jábù] *noun*
 gold
 ARA *dhaab*

jaco [jàccò] *verb*
 grinding simsim

jago [jágóò] *noun*
 one of the lesser chiefs; sub-chief
 BNT *jago*

jai [jái] *noun*
 hashis, opium

jak [jääk] *verb*
 to break a twig off a tree branch

jal [jààl] *noun*
 man, fellow
jàlì this man

jal [jàäl] *verb*
 (usually of food) to leave a portion for another personoun

jal [jàäl] *verb*
 (to) cut grass

jalo [jàllò] *noun*
 cutting grass

jamí [jámì] *noun*
 1 goods, possession
 2 luggage
 ALSO **jémì**

jang [jàäng] *noun*
 tree branch

jany [jàáñy] *verb*
 (of tree branch) to spread out

jànngé its branch

jany [jàáñy] *verb*
 (to) sit down

janyo [jànnýò] *verb*
 straightening the hair; combing

jarara [jàràrà] *noun*
 button
 ARA *zirara*

jayo [jàyyò] *verb*

taking something that does not belong to one

jeba [jébà] *noun*
pocket
ARA *jeba*

jem [jéēm] *verb*
(to) rebel, go on strike, revolt, uprise

jèmmò going on strike, rebelling

jemi [jémì] *noun*
goods, possession, luggage
ALSO **jámì**

jemo [jèmmò] *noun*
revolting

jeng [jèēng] *verb*
1 (to) make a thing lean against another
2 (to) pledge a thing, put a deposit
3 (to) pawn

jènngéè to lean against

jènngò leaning against, making a deposit, pawning

jengo [jènggò] *noun*
leaning against

jeny [jèēnn] *verb*
(to) get ready for a fight, flight; tense the muscles

jénnyéè he is getting tense

jenyo [jènnýò] *noun*
getting tense

jer [jèēr] *verb*
(to) move away, withdraw
jèēr céén move back

jer [jéēr] *verb*
to belch

jèrrò gwèè belching from constipation

jer [jéér] *noun*
humiliation

jero [jèrrò] *noun*
belching from constipation

jela [jéélà] *noun*
prison (ENG)

jero [jérò] *noun*
zero (ENG)

jic [jíic] *verb*
half cooking of meat

ji [jíi] *noun*
people
ALSO **jòò**

ji [jíi] *verb*
of meat not properly cooked, partially cooked

jijima [jíjímà] *noun*
shoes
ARA *gizma*
ALSO **wààr**

jik [jíík] *adverb*
the sudden stopping rain etc.

jiko [jíkkò] *noun*
bringing to an end; completion

jin [jíin] *verb*
delay

jínnò suppressing, hushing up

jino [jínnò] *noun*
suppressing, compressing

jing [jííng] *verb*
(to) harden, tighten

jíngò having stunted growth

jing [jííng] *adjective*
rigid, hard

jiny [jíiny] *verb*
screw the eyes; stint
jíiny wángí stint your eyes

jir [jíir] *verb*
sneeze

jírróò sneezing

jira [jírá] *noun*
tassel

jiri [jíri] *noun*
the New testament

jiro [jírrò] *noun*
jeering

jiyo [jíyyò] *verb*
partial boiling of maize or beans

jiyo [jíiyò] *noun*
blocking, closing

job [jòòb] *verb*
1 (to) collect usually in handfuls
2 to dip
jòòb i píí dive into the water

jobi [jòbì] *noun*
buffalo
ALSO **jùbì**

jobo [jòbbò] *noun*
collecting handfuls

jog [jòög] *verb*
(to) collect from people

jogi [jóggì] *noun*
spirits, demons, witchcraft SGL *jòòk*

jok [jòòk] *noun*
spirit, demon, god, witch, wizard
PLU **jóggí**

jol [jòòl] *verb*
1 (to) receive, welcome
2 catch

jólléè can be received

jòllé receive him, welcome him

jòllò welcoming, especially visitors

jolo [jòllò] *noun*
welcoming, receiving

jom [jòòm] *verb*
(to) take wash the self; take bath

jomo [jòmmò] *verb*
taking bath

jonga [jòngá] *noun*
my friend (feminine)

jongge [jòngè] *verb*
delaying, holding people back, not being on time

jonngo [jòngò] *verb*
(of a job) not professionally accomplished

jony [jòöny] *verb*
(to) become thin, emancipated

jony [jòöny] *noun*
being thin, emancipated

jonyo [jònnyò] *noun*
aids

jony [jòöny] *adjective*
(of leg etc) to go numb; dead leg

jor [jóör] *noun*
robe

jot [jòöt] *verb*
to wet, moisten the mouth etc

joto [jòttò] *verb*
being smeared with, covered in (blade of spear) drenched

joyo [jòyò] *verb*
to deflate

jub [jùüb] *verb*
(to) gather and collect in handfuls

júbbéè handfuls can be collected	jul [jùūl] <i>verb</i> sulk	jwa [jwāā] <i>verb</i> 1 (to) clean, scrub, polish 2 (to) brush teeth	jwer [jwēēr] <i>verb</i> (to) slash, cut grass
jubbé collect a handful for her	jullò sulking	jwánnéè can be cleaned, polished	jwérèè can be pruned, slashed
jubbò collecting a handful of	jun [jún] <i>noun</i> chin	jwànnò cleaning, scrubbing, polishing	jwèrrò slashing
jubi [jùbì] <i>noun</i> buffalo ALSO jòbì	jung [jùūng] <i>verb</i> squeeze, wring jùūng bóngò wring the clothing	jwàyyò lâak brushing teeth jwàyyò wààr polishing shoes	jwero [jwèrrò] <i>verb</i> scooping water from a water logged place
jubo [jùbbò] <i>noun</i> taking a handful	jung [jùūng] <i>verb</i> (to) shrivel, shrink	jwano [jwànnò] <i>noun</i> polishing, cleaning	jwet [jwèēt] <i>verb</i> take to flight
juc [júúc] <i>verb</i> reprimand júúc pà mèggò the reprimand of mothers	junge [jùnngeéè] <i>verb</i> remaining behind, delaying	jwan [jwáán] <i>noun</i> boar tooth on a headgear	jwèttò taking to flight
jud [jùūd] <i>verb</i> pout jùdò sulking, pouting	jungo [jùnnngò] <i>verb</i> shrinking	jwan [jwáán] <i>adjective</i> a round hut	jwet [jwéét] <i>noun</i> 1 foot prints 2 sound of footprints
jurk [jùūk] <i>verb</i> 1 to stop, prevent from doing thing 2 (to) restrain, hold back, dissuade	jungo [jùnnngò] <i>verb</i> doing a job badly	jwan [jwàän] <i>verb</i> (to) rub or smear	jweto [jwèttò] <i>noun</i> taking to flight
júkkèè can be restrained, held back, stopped	juny [jùūny] <i>verb</i> erect a shelter	jwar [jwàär] <i>verb</i> to grow tall	jwi [jwíí] <i>verb</i> (to) hiss
júkké restrain her	junya [júnyà] <i>noun</i> jiggers ALSO jwínyà	jwat [jwàät] <i>noun</i> jeering	jwi [jwíí] <i>noun</i> marshy ground
júkkò stopping, restraining, holding back	junyo [júnyó] <i>noun</i> tree species preferred for rope making	jwat [jwàät] <i>verb</i> (to) hit usually with a cane, stick	jwi [jwíí] <i>verb</i> (of a liquid) to ooze out of a porous container
juk [jùūk] <i>verb</i> (to) collect, gather, pick, take a handful of jùük pýúl take a handful of nuts	jur [jùür] <i>verb</i> 1 pour water 2 (to) pass urine ALSO òony	jwáttéè can be struck jwaàtté hit her	jwi [jwíí] <i>adverb</i> always, everyday, daily bínnó káány jwíí he is here always ALSO jwíí jwíí
juko [jùkkò] <i>noun</i> restraining; holding back	jut [jùüt] <i>verb</i> beat, hit	jwàtté hitting or striking each other	jwic [jwííc] <i>noun</i> hissing
juko [jùkkò] <i>noun</i> taking a handful	juttò beating, hitting	jwàttò striking or hitting	jwik [jwíík] <i>noun</i> reduction, stopping, ending
jul [jùūl] <i>verb</i> take care of	jut [jùüt] <i>adverb</i> really short Làcòò ní cèèk ní jùüt This man is really short	jwato [jwàttò] <i>noun</i> taking to flight; sprinting	jwik [jwíík] <i>verb</i> (to) contain or reduce flow of a thing
	juto [jùttò] <i>noun</i> beating, hitting	jwato [jwàttò] <i>noun</i> hitting	jwíkkéè can be reduced
		jwayo [jwàyyò] <i>verb</i> wiping, polishing	jwíkkò slimming
		ALSO jwànnò	jwiko [jwíkkò] <i>noun</i> slimming, reduction, reducing
		jwe [jwéé] <i>noun</i> an ugly being	
		jwe [jwéé] <i>noun</i> tumour	

jwil [jwíil] *noun*
 quail
jwinya [jwínyà] *noun*
 jiggers
 ALSO **júnyà**
jwiyo [jwìyyò] *verb*
 hissing, jeering at a person

K k

ka [kà] *preposition*
 to, at, in
 $\dot{\text{q}}\text{b}\text{í}\text{n}\text{n}\text{ò}$ kà kwáán she has come
 to study
ka [kà] *pronoun*
 1 which
 2 the place which; where
 a thing is or takes place
Nyùttā kà mā ᬥkéttò iyé show
 me where you have put it
Gulu ká mā bér Gulu is a
 good place
ka [ká] *adverb*
 if, when
 ká $\dot{\text{q}}\text{b}\text{í}\text{n}\text{n}\text{ò}$ if she comes
 ká cè if, should he
kaa [káà] *particle*
 used in questions; so, the-
 noun $\dot{\text{i}}\text{c}\text{í}\text{t}\text{ó}$ kwènè káà so where
 are you going?
kaa [kàā] *verb*
 (to) harvest
 kàā káál harvest millet
 káác harvesting
 kàyyò the act of harvest-
 ing

kaa [kàā] *verb*
 (to) bite
 káác biting
 kàyyò the act of biting
kaba [kábá] *noun*
 spear with a large blade
kaba [kàbà] *noun*
 braces, suspenders
kabad [kàbààd] *noun*
 cupboard, wardrobe (ENG)
kabaka [kàbákà] *noun*
 king
 BNT *kabaka*
kabu [kábù] *noun*
 swelling of the wrist
kac [káác] *noun*
 ancestral shrine
kac [káác] *noun*
 harvest, harvesting
kac [káác] *verb*
 biting
kad [kàād] *verb*
 1 pleating hair
 2 weaving
 káddèè can be woven
 kàddò pleating
kadi [kádí] *adverb*
 1 even
 2 if
kado [kàdò] *verb*
 salt
kago [kàgò] *noun*
 tree preferred for building
 frames
 ALSO kègò
kak [kààk] *verb*
 mongoose family, ferret
kak [kàák] *verb*
 1 (to) dissect, cut open
 2 (to) split

kaka [kàká] *noun*
 clan, tribe, ethnicity
kal [káál] *noun*
 millet
kal [kààl] *noun*
 1 compound, arena
 2 royal court
kal [kàäl] *verb*
 1 jump over
 2 skip
 kállèè can be skipped
 kállò the act of skipping,
 jumping over
kali [kàlī] *noun*
 legume of bean species
kalam [kàláám] *noun*
 pen
 ARA *galam*
kalang [kàláàng] *noun*
 large black ants
kaliri [kàlífí] *noun*
 groundnut species often eaten
 boiled rather than raw
 Also kàlí
kamlara [kàmlárà] *noun*
 pepper
kan [kàān] *verb*
 1 hide, conceal
 2 put up for safe keeping
kànnā hide me
kànnà màbéér hide it well
kánnèè can be hidden, con-
 cealed
kànnèè hiding or conceal-
 ing the self
kànnò the act of hiding,
 concealing
kana [kànà] *noun*
 donkey

kanica [kàníçà] *noun*
 church
 ARA *kanais*
kano [kànnò] *noun*
 concealing, hiding
kang [kàäng] *verb*
 sarcastic saying
kang [kààng] *adjective*
 (of a thing) out of place,
 not in line
kango [kànnngò] *verb*
 putting a spell on to pre-
 vent achieving a thing
kany [kàäny] *verb* 1 (to) put
 up with, bear
 2 (to) endure
kànnnyò kèèc bearing hunger
kánnýëè can be put up with
kànnnyò the act of putting
 up with, bearing
kany [káäny] *adverb*
 here, in this place
bèèd káäny sit here
kany [kànyí] *noun*
 robe
kanyo [kànnnyò] *verb*
 1 putting up with, bear-
 ing
 2 hiding
kapere [kàpèrè] *adjective*
 a daring person
kapten [kápten] *noun*
 captain (ENG)
kar [kààr] *adverb*
 in the place of
kar [kàär] *verb*
 (to) get and take live char-
 coal, fire in a fork
kara [kàrà] *adverb*
 1 surprisingly

2 whereas
 3 so
kàrà máán so; yet
karama [kàràmà] noun
 1 feast
 2 Christmas
karan [kàràán] noun
 clerk
 SWA *karani*
karatac [kàràtác] noun
 paper
 SWA *karatas*
kare [kàrè] adverb
 1 time, period
 2 space, place
kare [kárréè] verb
 split into two
kat [kàāt] verb
 1 pass
 2 pass through
 3 pass over
kàttò péñy passing exams
káttèè can be passed, be passed over
kàttò the act of passing, passing over
kato [kàtò] noun
 a small bottle used as a unit of measurement of local alcohol
 ALSO *lákàpirípìñ*
kayo [kàyò] noun
 the first born
kec [kèèc] noun
 hunger, famine
kec [kééc] adjective
 1 bitter, sour
 2 (of a drink) strong
 3 (the absence of luck) un-

lucky, ill-fated
kòmmè kéké she is unlucky
keco [kèccò] verb
 1 being angry
 2 getting annoyed
 3 being annoyed
ked [kèèd] verb
 (to) weave, plait, pleat
kéddèè can be pleated, woven
kèddò decorating, pleating
keda [kèdá] noun
 bile
kedi [kèdì] noun
 twig
pedo [kèddò] noun
 decorating, pleating
kee [kèè] verb
 1 (to) disperse, spread out
 2 (to) come to an end
kee [kèè] adjective
 appetite, yearning for
kego [kègò] noun
 a creeping plant used for dressing wound
kere [kèèrè] verb
 behave submissively to win favour
kek [kèèk] noun
 a fishing basket for trapping fish
kek [kèèk] verb
 to split open (of cotton buds)
kek [kèèk] noun
 cake (ENG)
keken [kékéén] adverb
 1 alone
 2 only
wán kékén only us

kénnáà alone, by myself
kénnéè alone, by himself
kénwú all by yourselves
keko [kèkkò] verb
 (of noise) disturbing, too loud, deafening *kèkkò* ìt dánó too loud a deafening noise
kel [kèèl] verb
 (to) bring
kèèl kány bring it here
kéllèè can be brought
kélléè bring it for her; bring her
kèllò bringing
keli [kèli] noun
 an ornamental axe
kelo [kèllò] noun
 bringing
kem [kèèm] adjective
 having a bad smell
kema [kémà] noun
 tent
kemo [kémmóò] verb
 to move towards, in the direction of
kene [kénnéè] verb
 (to) struggle alone
kénnéè kénéè she is struggling all alone, unaided
keno [kènnò] verb
 assisting, supporting a weak person
keno [kènò] noun
 fireplace, cooking place
keno [kènò] noun
 a small gourd, calabash
keng [kèèng] verb
 1 (to) guard a thing
 2 (to) lay seize
kènnngò watching

keng [kèèng] verb
 1 (to) miss out on a thing
 2 (to) not get a thing
kengo [kènnngò] noun
 missing out
keny [kèèny] noun
 marriage
keny [kèèny] verb
 to waste money
kenya [kènyà] adverb
 act without restraint
 Also *àtáá*
kenyo [kénnyó] adverb
 over there; there
keo [kèò] adverb
 (of movement) disturbing the grass slightly
ker [kéér] noun
 a patch of field left unburnt for cultivation
 ALSO *àkéér*
ker [kéér] noun
 royalty, chiefdom, kingdom
kere [kèrè] noun
 natural gap between teeth
kere [kèrèè] verb
 1 being submissive
 2 bossy people
kerø [kèrrò] verb having energy desire to do a thing
kerø [kèrrò] verb
 to pamper, coddle
kerø [kèrrò] verb
 having a natural gap in between teeth
kerø [kèrrò] verb
 clucking of hens
kerø [kèrrò] verb
 raising

ket [kèēt] *verb*
 1(to) put
 2 (to) put up
 3 (to) save
kèēt málō put it up
kéttéè can be put up, be saved, made
kétté 1 make her 2 put her
kéttò putting up, saving
ket [kèēt] *verb*
 1 to scatter
 2 (of marriage) to fall apart
 3 (of hair) to comb
kéttéè can be scattered, destroyed, combed
kétté destroy it, comb it
keto [kèttò] *verb*
 1 destroying
 2 scattering
 3 combing
keto [kèttò] *verb*
 1 (to) spread disease
 2 (of hunger pangs) to subsidize
keto [kèttò] *verb*
 1 putting up, aside
 2 saving up
keyo [kèyyò] *verb*
 1 (to) spread, scatter
 2 (to) cure
ki [kí] *prefix*
 of, belonging to
 ALSO gí
ki [kí] *preposition, adverb*
 1 with, in, from
 2 and
ðcòbbò kí tóóng she stabbed it with a spear
kibego [kibègò] *noun*
 leftover food taken home

kibeng [kibééng] *adverb*
 pretence
kibira [kibìrà] *noun*
 forest
kiboko [kibókò] *noun*
 whip
 SWA *kiboko*
kibogo [kibògò] *noun*
 white and black
kic [kíic] *noun*
 1 bee
 2 honey
kic [kíic] *noun*
 orphan
kica [kícà] *noun*
 mercy, compassion
kica [kícàá] *noun*
 a bag
kicika [kicíká] *noun*
 partition in a room; curtain
kid [kiid] *verb*
 (to) break a twig, split a branch
kidi [kìdí] *noun*
 stone, often grinding stone
kidu [kíddú] *adjective*
 of groundnuts not property developed
kigingi [kígíngi] *noun*
 a stopper especially for trucks
kigol [kígóòl] *noun*
 a basket for carrying fowls
kigong [kígóöng] *noun*
 a dias for keeping split firewood
kii [kíi] *verb*
 (to) watch, guard
kínnò watching, guarding

kii [kíi] *verb*
 (to) sieve
kíi mókò mán sieve this flour
kijang [kíjáng] *noun*
 basket for processing yeast
kijere [kijéré] *noun*
 a stool used in rituals
kijiko [kijíkó] *noun*
 spoon
 Also málágà
kijina [kijiná] *noun*
 tumour of the throat
kijira [kijírá] *noun*
 ululation (by women)
gòyyò kíjírá making ululation
kijumi [kijùmí] *noun*
 a rain pour that lasts the whole day usually from morning
kijut [kijút] *noun*
 dragonfly
kika [kíká] *noun*
 temporary door not hinged, removable
kiliko [kílkò] *noun*
 whistle made from animal horns
 Also ólkòò
kile [kíllëè] *verb*
 can be peeled
kilo [kíllò] *verb*
 peeling
kilong [kílóng] *adverb*
 upside down, wrong way
kiluka [kílükáá] *noun*
 calabash
kilung kilung [kílúng kílúng] *noun*
 black stork

kin [kíin] *conjunction*
 between, among
kinaga [kínágáá] *noun*
 camel
kiniga [kínígáá] *noun*
 anger
 ALSO àkémnóò
kinju [kínjúù] *noun*
 wild yam
kinu [kínú] *noun*
 animal trap
kiny [kíny] *verb*
 1 (to) comb
 2 (of birds) pluming
kinnyò cleaning, combing
kinyo [kínyó] *noun*
 needle
kipinguo [kípinggúò] *noun*
 lock
 SWA *kipunguo*
kipwola [kípwólá] *noun*
 calamity, misfortune
kir [kíir] *noun*
 consequences of breaking a taboo
kir [kíir] *adjective* having a bad smell; foul smelling
kir [kíir] *verb*
 1 sprinkle
 2 splash, sprout
 3 (of flying things about) land on
mác òkíir fire splashed
kírréè splash the self
kírrò splashing
kit [kíít] *noun*
 character, behaviour
kítté his behaviour
kitabu [kítábù] *noun*
 book

SWA *kitabu*
 Also **búyk**
kitambara [kítàmbárà] *noun*
 handkerchief
 SWA *kitambara*
 Also *látáám*
kitanda [kítándà] *noun*
 bed
kiteya [kítéyā] *noun*
 termites, young ones
kiteyi teyi [kítèyì téyì] *noun*
 a wrapper
kitina [kítínáà] *noun*
 1 burnt grass shoots
 2 grass species
kiyo [kiyyò] *verb*
 watching
kiyo [kýò] *noun*
 mirror
kob [kòób] *verb*
 1 transfer, move
 2 translate, say
kòbbéè can be said, transferred
kòbbò saying, transferring
kobo [kòbbò] *noun*
 1 transferring
 2 translating
koc [kópc] *noun*
 tin
koc [kòc] *verb*
 to move a way from the rest
koc [kódc] *noun*
 riddle
kod [kòdò] *verb*
 tether
kodi [kòdì] *noun*
 seed

kodi [kòdì] *noun*
 type, kind
kodo [kòdò] *verb*
 blowing of the wind, breezing
kodo [kòddò] *verb*
 to tie together
koga [kogá] *noun*
 large bird with a black body
kok [kòök] *verb*
 1 cry
 2 plead
kok [kòök] *verb*
 redeem
kókkéè can be redeemed
kòkkò redeeming
kol [kóól] *noun*
 animal skin
 ALSO **àkóól**
kol [kóól] *noun*
 animal pen
kol [kòö] *verb*
 1 remove
 2 gouge
 3 extract
kólléè can be gouged, extracted
kòllò extracting, gouging
kolo [kóló] *noun*
 a troublesome person
lákóló troublesome
kolo [kóló] *noun*
 papyrus mat
 CFR **tóggò**
kolo [kòllò] *noun*
 extracting, gouging
kom [kóóm] *noun*
 chair
kom [kògom] *noun*
 1 body

2 self
kòmmé yót she is healthy
kòmmé wàc he is lazy
komo [kómmó] *noun*
 limping
komo [kómmò] *verb*
 supporting an ill person
kon [kòön] *verb*
 (to) drip
kona [kónà] *noun*
 corner (ENG)
koni [kónì] *adverb*
 now, soon
kono [kónó] *adverb*
 or
kono [kónóò] *conjunction*
 if, had
kónnó nyò if, perhaps
kono [kònò] *noun*
 an adornment added to dance headgear usually from ostrich feathers
kong [kòöng] *adverb*
 1 first, before
 2 for the time being
kùür kóng first wait
kongo [kòngò] *noun*
 beer
kony [kóóny] *noun*
 assistance, help, aid
kony [kòóny] *verb*
 (to) help, come to the aid of
kònnyéè helping each other
kònnyò helping
konye [kònnyéè] *verb*
 going to toilet
konyo [kònnyò] *noun*
 helping

koo [kòó] *adverb*
 no, not
koo [kòö] *verb*
 (to) isolate
koo [kóó] *verb*
 bamboo
kop [kóóp] *noun*
 1 issue, matter
 2 dispute
 3 word
kop angó [kóóp ángóò] *noun*
 part of the greeting: 'how are you?"
kopolø [kópølò] *noun*
 corporal (ENG)
 ALSO **òbácà**
kopulo [kópüłò] *noun*
 padlock
 ARA *ghofoul*
kor [kóör] *noun*
 chest
kóör òt wall
kórré his chest
lákòony kórré his assistant
kor [kòör] *noun*
 footprint, trace
kor [kòör] *verb*
 (to) praise
koro [kòrrò] *verb*
 expelling evil spirits, exorcising
koro [kòrò] *noun*
 pen for fowl
kot [kóót] *noun*
 court
kot [kòdt] *noun*
 rain
kot [kóti] *noun*
 coat (ENG)

koto [kótò] <i>noun</i> exalting	kùllò bowing the head, or lowering the eyes	kur [kùür] <i>verb</i> 1 (to) wait 2 (to) guard	kwac [kwáác] <i>noun</i> begging, imploring
koyo [køyò] <i>noun</i> cold	kulo [kúló] <i>adverb</i> 1 wholly 2 entirely ALSO kúlú	kùrrā wait for me kùür kány wait here kúrrèè can be waited for, guarded	kwadenge [kwàdènggè] <i>noun</i> beetle ALSO kàmdénggè
koyo [køyò] <i>noun</i> adze	kulu [kúlú] <i>adverb</i> 1 wholly 2 entirely ALSO kúló	kùrrò waiting for, guarding	kwak [kwáák] <i>adverb</i> never
koyo [koyyò] <i>verb</i> isolating	kulu [kúlú] <i>noun</i> 1 river 2 water source	kuro [kùrrò] <i>noun</i> waiting	kwak [kwàák] <i>verb</i> (to) embrace
ku [kù] <i>prefix</i> (attaches to prepositions to make them adverbials) in the direction of; towards	kum [kùüüm] <i>noun</i> 1 support 2 empathy	kut [kúýt] <i>noun</i> deep centre of the river	kwak [kwàák] <i>verb</i> (to) hold, add to
kù towards - <i>máló</i> up - <i>kùmáló</i> upwards	kuman [kúmáán] <i>adverb</i> 1 in this manner, this way 2 like this	kut [kùüt] <i>verb</i> 1 (to) blow 2 (to) fan fire 3 (to) inflate a ball etc	kwakkò adding something to
kub [kùüb] <i>verb</i> link things, join things	kumu [kúmmú] <i>noun</i> grieving	kúttèè can be inflated, blown	kwaka [kwàkà] <i>noun</i> rat trap Also àgwák , kwàkà
kúbbèè can be linked up	kun [kùün] <i>verb</i> refuse, deny	kùttò inflating, blowing	kwakala [kwàkälä] <i>noun</i> rat trap Also àgwák , kwàkà
kùbbò linking thing, join- ing things	kùnnò refusing	kuto [kùttò] <i>noun</i> 1 blowing, fanning 2 inflating	kwako [kwàkkò] <i>noun</i> 1 adding to 2 embracing
kuc [kùüç] <i>noun</i> peace	kun [kùün] <i>adverb</i> while, whereas, yet	kutyelo [kùtyèlò] <i>adverb</i> towards the rear of the house	kwal [kwàäl] <i>verb</i> (to) steal
kud [kùüđ] <i>verb</i> hold in the mouth	kùün mittòò yet he wants it	kwa [kwàää] <i>noun</i> descendants	kwállèè can be stolen
kude [kùddé] <i>verb</i> hiding the self	kuno [kùnnò] <i>verb</i> taking good care of	kwàänä my descendants	kwàlléè eloping
kudo [kùddò] <i>noun</i> small swelling or rash	kuno [kùnöö] <i>adverb</i> 1 there 2 over there	kwàrrä my grandfather; my father in law	kwàllò the act of stealing
kuku [kùkù] <i>verb</i> raising an alarm	ALSO kùnúù	kwàrrò grandfather	kwóò theft
kul [kùül] <i>noun</i> kraal	kupulu [kùpüllü] <i>noun</i> padlock	kwàrrè his or her grandfa- ther	kwale [kwàlléè] <i>verb</i> 1 (to) approach stealthily 2 (to) escape
Also àkúýl	Also kópüllò	kwa [kwàää] <i>verb</i> (to) beg, entreat	1 (to) approach stealthily 2 (to) escape
kul [kùül] <i>noun</i> wild pig, warthog	kur [kùùyr] <i>adjective</i> (of smell) pleasant, sweet	kwáác begging	kwalo [kwàllò] <i>noun</i> stealing
kul [kùül] <i>verb</i> (of the head, eye) lower, bow		kwàyyò the act of begging	kwan [kwàän] <i>verb</i> 1 (to) read
kúllèè (of the head, eye) can be lowered, bowed		kwac [kwàaac] <i>noun</i> leopard	2 (to) study 3 (to) count. <i>kwànnò dánó</i> counting people, census
		kwac [kwáác] <i>verb</i> herding	kwáán reading, counting, studying, education

kwánnè can be counted, read, studied
kwànnò the act of reading, counting, studying
kwan [kwáán] *noun*
 reading, counting, studying, education
kwano [kwànnò] *noun*
 counting, reading
kwang [kwàäng] *verb*
 (to) swim
kwáng swimming
kwánngè can be swum
kwànngó swimming across
kwango [kwànnngò] *noun*
 swimming
kwany [kwàäny] *verb*
 1 (to) take, pick, select
 2 (to) remove from
kwánnyè can be removed, picked up
kwànnýò taking, removing
kwàäny àcèèl take one
kwar [kwàär] *noun*
 red
kwàär píiny early in the morning; dawn noun
kwaro [kwàärrò] *noun*
 progenitors, grandparents
kwat [kwàät] *verb*
 (to) herd
lákwäät shepherd
kwat [kwàät] *noun*
 herding
kwaya [kwàäyá] *noun*
 espionage
kwayo [kwàäyyò] *verb*
 herding

kwayo [kwàäyyò] *verb*
 begging
kwe [kwèè] *verb*
 1 (to) cool, cool down
 2 pacify
 3 (of pain) to subsidize
òkwèè manok (the pain) has subsidized a bit
kwéyyè can be cooled, pacified
kwèyyò cooling, pacifying
kwe [kwéé] *adverb*
 1 in vain
 2 not successfully
àkúrrò kwéé I waited in vain
kwe [kwèè] *verb*
 1 (of pain) to subsidize
 2 to calm (down)
 3 to comfort, console
 4 to cool down
kwed [kwèèd] *preposition*
 with, and
kwèddà with me
kwèddí with you
kwek [kwèék] *verb*
 force open especially a child's mouth for medication
kwékkè can be opened
kwèkkò opening
kweko [kwèkkò] *noun*
 forcing open mouth
kwele [kwèlé] *noun*
 prostitution, lust, flirtation
kwene [kwènè] *adverb*
 where
kwer [kwèér] *verb*
 refuse, reject
kwérrè can be rejected
kwèrrò refusal, rejection

kwer [kwèér] *verb*
 1 (to) celebrate
 2 (to) observe a ritual
kwéér celebration ceremony
kwèrrò celebrating
kwer [kwéér] *noun*
 celebration, rituals
kweri [kwèri] *noun*
 hoe
kwero [kwèrrò] *noun*
 celebrating
kweyo [kwéyóò] *noun*
 sand
kweyo [kwèyyò] *verb*
 1 pacifying
 2 cooling, cooling down
kwidi [kwìdi] *noun*
 1 worm
 2 maggot
kwil [kwìil] *verb*
 1 (to) whisper
 2 (to) hint discreetly
kwile [kwìlléè] *verb*
 walking stealthily
kwilo [kwìllò] *verb*
 whispering
kwin [kwíín] *noun*
 queen (ENG)
 CFR dáák kéér
kwiny [kwìñy] *verb*
 1 (to) dig holes
 2 (to) excavate
kwínnýè can be dug
kwínnýè dig for him, dig him out
kwínnýò digging, excavating
kwinyo [kwìñnyò] *noun*
 digging, excavating

kwir [kwìjr] *noun*
 poison
kwir [kwìjr] *noun*
 1 casting votes
 2 ritual to find out a culprit
bòllò kwìjr voting, casting vote
kwiri [kwìrí] *adjective*
 a reliable, sharp, talented, upright person
kwiya [kwíyyá] *adjective*
 having no idea, not knowing, being ignorant
kwo [kwòò] *verb*
 (to) sew, tailor, knit, mend torn clothes
kwo [kwóò] *noun*
 1 living
 2 life
 3 lifestyle
kwóó nē ràc his lifestyle is not good
kwo [kwóò] *noun*
 theft
kwóò ràc theft is bad
lákwäät thief
kwoc [kwòóc] *verb*
 tailoring, sewing, knitting
kwok [kwòòk] *noun*
 sweat, perspiration
kwok [kwòòk] *verb*
 (of food) to go stale
kwok [kwòòk] *verb*
 (to) take along
kwókèè taking with you
kwòkkò taking with you
kwoko [kwòökò] *noun*
 an insect that lives in sorghum stalks

kwoko kwòkkò *noun*
 1 marinating
 2 going stale
kwogo [kwògò] *noun*
 tree species
kwon [kwòyòn] *noun*
 1 local bread usually from millet, maize etc flour kneaded in hot water and eaten with a sauce
 2 polenta, dumpling
 ALSO dèek
kwong [kwòöng] *verb*
 (to) commence, start, begin
kwong [kwòöng] *verb*
 (to) take an oat, swear
kwònngéè taking an oath
kwònngò the act of swearing.
kwor [kwòör] *verb*
 1 (to) appear pale due to poor health, hunger
 2 (of children playing in a dusty place) to become pale
kworo [kwòrò] *noun*
 wild cat
kwore [kwòréè] *verb*
 winnowing
kwot [kwòöt] *verb*
 (to) fart
kwòttò farting
kwot [kwòöt] *noun*
 shield
kwot [kwòöt] *verb*
 (to) swell
kwoto [kwòttò] *verb*
 farting

kwoto [kwòttò] *verb*
 backbite, slandering
kwoto [kwòttò] *verb*
 swelling
kwoyo [kwòyyò] *verb*
 sewing
kwòyyò bòngó sewing clothes
lakwóóc tailor

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la [là-] *prefix*
 used to form occupational or doer nouns
kwóò theft — *lakwòò* a thief
 PLU **lù** -
laa [làä] *noun*
 skin, hide
laa [làä] *verb*
 (to) urinate
laa [láå] *noun*
 saliva
lab [làäb] *verb*
 (to) remove or separate stone from grain; winnow
labá [làbá] *noun*
 a plant whose fibre is good for making nets
labac [làbáäc] *noun*
 ramrod
labal [làbáäl] *noun*
 guinea fowl trap
 ALSO *lábáál àwénóò*
labala [làbàlà] *noun*
 fish species
labala [làbálä] *noun*
 part of

bwóllá when the drums are quiet
labele [lábélé] *noun*
 platform
 ALSO *lábélé*
labelu [lábéléú] *noun*
 imbecile, mentally disturbed
labeno [lábènó] *noun*
 loin cloth made usually from animal skin for women
labet bet [lábët bët] *noun*
 skin loin clothing for men
labika [lábìkà] *noun*
 a spiked weed which sticks on clothing
labiribiri [lábìribíri] *noun*
 bumblebee
labit [lábíít] *noun*
 bait
labit [lábíít] *adjective*
 foolish
 ARA abd
labo [labbò] *verb*
 skimming
labo [lábò] *noun*
 circle formed by birds flying
labok [lábóòk] *adjective*
 (of fowl) brownish
labol [lábóòl] *noun*
 1 example
 2 illustration
labolo [lábòlò] *noun*
 1 bananas
 2 plantain
labong [lábóòng] *noun*
 a person of no royal origin; a comoner
labonga [lábóngá] *noun*
 liar
 ALSO *lágòbà*
labongo [lábòngò] *noun*
 shrubs with good ropes
labongo [lábòngò] *preposition*
 without
labot [lábòt] *noun*
 1 spinster
 2 bachelor
labuka [lábùkà] *noun*
 a large tree species with medicinal use for diarrhoea
labul [lábúúl] *noun*
 small intestine
labuma [lábúmá] *noun*
 swindler
labute [lábùtéè] *noun*
 imposter, proud person
labututu [lábùtútú] *noun*
 mumps
labwam [lábwàmí] *noun*
 swindler
labwor [lábwòòr] *noun*
 lion
labwori [lábwòri] *noun*
 a tree species, used in buildings
labwoto [lábwòtò] *noun*
 an expert in cutting open abscess
lac [láác] *noun*
 urine
laac [láàäc] *adjective*
 large, broad
lacacar [lácàcàr] *noun*
 extravagant
 ALSO *lácàcàrò*
iacaden [lácéén] *noun*
 vengeful spirits

lacakacaka [làcàkàcàkà] *noun*
 a cowpea sauce seasoned
 in unroasted peanut butter
lacam [làcààm] *adjective*
 left handed
lacan [làcààn] *noun*
 1 a poor person
 2 a bachelor
lacanga [làcàngá] *noun*
 a bony fish
 ALSO ànggàrà
lacara [làcárà] *noun*
 a white foreigner
lacari [làcárí] *noun*
 a thorny tree
lacaro [làcárròò] *adjective*
 having loose morals
lacat [làcààt] *noun*
 trader
 PLU lùcààt
laceden [làcéén] *adverb*
 1 last 2 later
lacek [làcèk] *noun*
 dikdik
lacele [làcélél] *noun*
 a kind of dance
lacene [làcéné] *noun*
 edible seasonal green grasshopper
 ALSO òcéné
lacer [làcèèr] *noun*
 a plant used for treating ulcer
lacere [làcèrréè] *noun*
 a stubborn person, does not heed advice
laco [làcòò] *noun*
 a man
 PLU còò

lacoc [làcóóc] *noun*
 writer
lacoc [làcóóc] *noun*
 a sower
lacoco [làcócó] *noun*
 prostitute, lustful or adulterous person
lacoi [làcòj] *noun*
 beer, to which hot water is added and sucked through a pipe
lacol [làcóól] *noun*
 peak of a hill
 ALSO làcóól gòt
lacola [làcólá] *noun*
 midwife
 ALSO làcólló
lacor [làcór] *noun*
 an impostor
lacuc [làcùùc] *noun*
 right handed
 CFR àcùùc
lacuko [làcùkó] *noun*
 fowl crop
 ALSO làcúkó gwènò
lacuko [làcúkò] *noun*
 ankle rattles
 ALSO làcùkòcúkò
lacung [làcùùng] *noun*
 representatives
lacurube [làcùrùbé] *noun*
 a fine usually animals imposed for taking the wife of another
lacur [làcúúr] *noun*
 sling stone
lacwec [làcwèèc] *noun*
 1 creator
 2 potter

lacwi [làcwí] *noun*
 a device for sucking blad blood from an infected part of the body
ladep [làdèèp] *noun*
 flea
ladedet [làdèèt] *noun*
 a tiny bird species
ladeyo [làdéyyò] *noun*
 dandy
ladidi [làdìdìf] *noun*
 miser
 ALSO làgèèm
ladike [làdìkéè] *noun*
 a person who is always late or delays things
lading [làdííng] *noun*
 strainer used especially for local beer
 ALSO àdííng
ladiro [làdírò] *noun*
 artisan, craftsman
ladit [làdít] *noun*
 1 old man
 2 big man, chief
 PLU lùdítò
 làdít kóóm chairperson
ladit [làdít] *noun*
 miser
ladum [làdùùm] *noun*
 1 interpreter
 2 a person well versed in foreign languages; polygot
laduk [làdúúk] *noun*
 a stick thrown to scare birds
ladwala [làdwàllá] *noun*
 stammer, stratter
ladwar [làdwààr] *noun*
 hunter
ladwok [làwóók] *noun*
 (of a person) having missing tooth
ladwong [làdwóóng] *noun*
 big man, elder
 PLU lùdòngò
lagada [làgàdá] *noun*
 reed
lagal [làgáàl] *noun*
 1 necklace
 2 dogcolar
lagalo [làgàló] *noun*
 a fly species
lagam [làgààm] *noun*
 a basket
lagam [làgáàm] *noun*
 response, reply, answer
lagama [làgàmá] *noun*
 a mentally disturbed person
lagara [làgàrà] *noun*
 red locust
lagara [làgárá] *noun*
 ear rings
lagedo [làgéddó] *noun*
 builder
 PLU lùgéddóò
lagelo [làgèló] *noun*
 parrot
lagem [làgèèm] *noun*
 miser
lager [làgèèr] *noun*
 bow legged
lagingi [làgíngí] *noun*
 a nagging person
lagit [làgíít] *noun*
 ring
 ALSO àgíít

lagoba [lágòbà] *noun*
 liar
 PLU **lùgòbà**
lagoga [lágògà] *noun*
 joker
lagot [lágòt] *noun*
 hoe handle
lagut [lágúút] *noun*
 wagtail
laguti [lágútí] *noun*
 an edible variety of mushroom
lagwar [lágwààr] *noun*
 zebra
lagwe [lágwéé] *noun*
 lizard
lajayi [lágjáyí] *noun*
 cowpeas mixed with simsim paste
lajimo [lágjímò] *noun*
 a kind of simsism
lajok [lágjòk] *noun*
 wizard, witch
 PLU **lùjógù**
laju [lágjú] *noun*
 patches of grass in water
lajwa [lágwàà] *noun*
 duiker, oribi
lajwa lak [lágwáá lágkà] *noun*
 tooth brush
lak [lágk] *noun*
 1 tooth
 2 tusk
lak [láák] *verb*
 (to) wander, roam
lak [lágk] *noun*
 wandering, roaming
lak [láák] *verb*
 to creep, crawl

lak [lágák] *verb*
 (to) rinse
lakac [lágákà] *noun*
 ostrich feathers
lakaibona [lágákàbónà] *noun*
 a green female grasshopper
lakaka [lágákákà] *noun*
 a lizard species
lakal [lágákàl] *noun*
 a palace dweller
lakalagwe [lágálágwééc] *noun*
 swallow
lakalakidi [lágálákídí] *noun*
 grass laced into a rope for tying firewood
lakalatwe [lágálátwéé] *noun*
 star
 ALSO **látwéé**
lakap [lágáp] *noun*
 diaphram
lakar [lágákàr] *noun*
 Y shaped
lakarac [lágákàràc] *noun*
 a three legged curved stool
lakele [lágélé] *noun*
 the smaller drums in a set
laker [lágéér] *noun*
 having a royal blood or connection
lakere [lágéré] *noun*
 a newly born baby, an infant
lakere [lágérré] *noun*
 a person with a natural teeth gap
laket [lágéét] *noun*
 comb
lakeya [lágéyá] *noun*
 daughter of one's sister;

my niece
lákèyò being a niece
lakica [lágíkà] *noun*
 a kind or merciful person
 PLU **lùkícà**
lakide [lágídé] *noun*
 grass with a bushy head
lakidi [lágídí] *noun*
 stone
 ALSO **kídí**
lakili [lágilí] *noun*
 a nagging child, person
lakilikili [lágilikílí] *noun*
 a kind of sauce
lakapiripiri [lágápíripíri] *noun*
 a small bottle used a measurement of local alcohol
 ALSO **kátóþò**
lakiribala [lágíribálà] *noun*
 a large grasshopper
 ALSO **átfíkò**
lako [lágkò] *verb*
 inheritance, levirate
lako [lágkò] *verb*
 rinsing
lakobo [lágkóbó] *noun*
 head gear
 ALSO **lákòbé**
lakodo [lágkódó] *noun*
 a small granary
lakok [lágkóók] *noun*
 thatch that is put at the apex
lakol [lágkóól] *noun*
 a prisoner pegged down
lakologoc [lágkólögóc] *noun*
 wooden spoon (metal)
lakucel [lágkùcél] *adverb*
 one sidedly

lakucu kucu [lákùcù kùcù] *noun*
 small ants
lakuru [lágkúrú] *noun*
 (of hen) short
 ALSO **lákúrú**
lakwal [lágwáál] *noun*
 bird species, babbler
lakwana [lágwànà] *noun*
 red earth used for the hair
lakwara [lágwàrrá] *noun*
 my grandchild
 PLU **lùkwà**
lakwat [lágwààt] *noun*
 sheperd
 PLU **lùkwààt**
lakwele [lágwéllé] *noun*
 a loose girl
 PLU **lùkwéllé**
lakwena [lágwènnà] *noun*
 messenger
 PLU **lùkwènà**
lakwo [lágwòò] *noun*
 thief
 PLU **lùkwòò**
lakwo [lágwóó] *noun*
 1 survivor
 2 a person who enjoys high-life
lakwor [lágwòòr] *noun*
 enemy
lal [lálà] *verb*
 (to) get lost, waste away
lala [lálà] *noun*
 cooking utensil (of metal)
lala [láláá] *noun*
 a bitter vegetable
lalago [lálágóó] *noun*
 a large head ornament
lalako [lálákóò] *noun*
 an inheritor

lalar [làláár] *noun*
 saviour
lälárá my saviour
lälárwú your saviour
lalek [làlèk] *noun*
 pestle
laele [làléléé] *noun*
 rivulets
lalem [làléém] *noun*
 ostrich feathers at the bottom of a shield
lalem [làléém] *noun*
 a cow without horns
laliya [làliyá] *noun*
 a tree species
lalo [làllò] *verb*
 1 to spread
 2 to squander
laloka [lálòká] *noun*
 a foreigner (usually from across the Nile)
 PLU *lùlòká*
lalonyo [lálònnyò] *noun*
 a rich person; wealthy
 PLU *lùlònyò*
lalor [lálór] *noun*
 head gear
laluk [lálùk] *noun*
 a cow with the horns bent down
lalur [lálúúr] *noun*
 hyena
 ALSO *làngwídí*
lalur [lálùùr] *noun*
 (of a woman) barren
lalwee [lálwèè] *noun*
 a man wth one testicle
lam [lààm] *noun*
 not enough of a thing

lam [láiám] *noun*
 1 cursing
 2 blessing
lam [lääm] *verb*
 1 (to) bless
 2 (to) curse
lamal [lämäál] *noun*
 a mad person, a mental case
lamar [lämääár] *noun*
 friend
lämärá my friend
lamara [lämärrà] *noun*
 my cousin
lämärrò being a cousin
lamele [lämélé] *noun*
 a bird species, finch
lamera [lämérä] *noun*
 my sister
lämèrrú your sister
 ALSO *lämègù*
lamero [lämérró] *noun*
 alcoholic, drunkard
 PLU *lùméró*
lamin [lämìn] *noun*
 sister
 PLU *lùmègò*
laming [lämìng] *noun*
 stupid
 PLU *lùmíngó*
lamiru [lämírú] *noun*
 slave
lame [läämméè] *verb*
 to curse
lamo [läämmò] *verb*
 cursing
lamo [läämmò] *verb*
 romove by soaking in water
lamola [lämólá] *noun*

a simislim like plant grown for its oil
lamluny [läämlúùny] *noun*
 a decorative device for a slayer of a big beast
lamone [lämönè] *noun*
 an enemy
 PLU *lùmònè*
lanek [länèk] *noun*
 a murderer
langala [längållá] *noun*
 a joker, jester
langangayo [längångåyó] *noun*
 grass type with roots eaten by children
langayo [längåyó] *noun*
 a green grashppoer
langere [länggeré] *noun*
 bed
 ARA *angerib*
langogo [längögö] *noun*
 chameleon
langok [längök] *noun*
 pimples
langolo [längòlò] *noun*
 a cripple
langoya [längòyá] *noun*
 a long rope
lalur [lálúúr] *noun*
 hyena
languna [längúnná] *noun*
 liar
langwidi [längwídí] *noun*
 hyena
 ALSO *lälúúr*
lagwilo [lágwillò] *noun*
 tree species used as poles
lany [lääny] *verb*
 (to) waste

lanyal [lányáál] *noun*
 an insect found in water
lanyata [lányátà] *noun*
 earthworm
lanyate [lányåttéè] *noun*
 a proud person
lanyo [lännyò] *verb*
 1 to beat be better, excel
 2 squander, waste
lanyate [lányåttéè] *noun*
 a proud person
lanyiri [lányíri] *noun*
 a kind of bracelet
lanyuru [lányúrú] *noun*
 a baby
 ALSO *ònnyúù*
lanyut [lányúút] *noun*
 an example
laor [làoír] *noun*
 a messenger
laora [làorá] *noun*
 a river or brook
lapac [lápáác] *noun*
 carpenter
lapaco [lápàccó] *noun*
 a villager, a commoner
 ALSO *látédèrò*
laparanat [lápàrànát] *noun*
 a bird species
lapel [lápéél] *noun*
 patchy
lapel [lápèèl] *noun*
 dance ornament
laapele [lápèlè] *noun*
 1 restless person
 2 hyperactive person
lapidi [lápìddí] *noun*
 child minder
lapido [lápìddò] *noun*
 plaintiff

lapi [lápí:] *noun*
 royal messenger
lapi [lápí:] *noun*
 wood used for starting fire
lapira [lápírā] *noun*
 earwig
lapiru [lápírū] *noun*
 whilwind
lapit [lápìt] *noun*
 nurse
lapiya [lápíyá] *noun*
 an instigator
lapok [lápóók] *noun*
 tilapia
lapoti [lápótí] *noun*
 an imitator
lapoya [lápøyá] *noun*
 a mentally disturbed person
lapuku [lápükú] *noun*
 a weed
laput [lápùyt] *noun*
 a malnourished child
laput [lápùyt] *noun*
 oil lamp
laputa [lápùtá] *noun*
 cowpea sauce prepared for a mother of twins
lapwopwo [lápwoópwóó] *noun*
 butterfly
lar [láar] *verb*
 1 (to) save, rescue
 2 (to) scramble
 3 (to) compete for
larréè being saved
larrò saving, rescuing
lar [láár] *noun*
 rescuing, saving
laraka raka [lärákà rákà] *noun*
 courtship dance usually for

the youth
 ALSO òráák
larem [läréém] *noun*
 friend
lärèmmā my friend
larere [läréré] *noun*
 small red lizard
laro [lärò] *noun*
 a large stone surface used for drying and threshing grain, especially millet
laro [lärò] *noun*
 1 saving, rescuing
 2 scrambling
larok [läròök] *noun*
 foreigner
 ALSO mèròök
 PLU lùròök
larok [läròök] *noun*
 an ornamental axe
laromo [läròmō] *noun*
 gecko lizard
lare [läréè] *verb*
 being saved
larrò quibbling over, saving
larum [lärùym] *noun*
 the ribs
larwece [lärwécè] *noun*
 tree whose bark can be used for fishing
 ALSO lärwécòò
latam [lätáám] *noun*
 handkerschief
 ALSO kítambárà
latam [lätáám] *noun*
 thinker
latati [lätatí] *noun*
 an active restles child

lataya [lätáyá] *adverb*
 forever
lated [lätééd] *noun*
 cooking utensils
latedo [lätèdò] *noun*
 a cook
 PLU lütèdò
latek [lätéék] *noun*
 a lazy person who does not want to be sent
latek [lätèk] *noun*
 simsim seasoning
latek [lätéék] *noun*
 smoking pipe
lateke teke [lätèkè téké] *noun*
 grasshopper
latel [lätèél] *noun*
 leader
 PLU lütèllà
lateme [lätèmè] *noun*
 wild banana
laten [lätéén] *noun*
 pillow
latet [lätéët] *noun*
 blacksmith
latin [lätfin] *noun*
 child
latok [lätóók] *noun*
 ladle for dishing food
latong [lätóng] *noun*
 axe
latwe [lätwéé] *noun*
 star
 ALSO lákàlátwe
latwok [lätwóök] *noun*
 morning star, venus
latworo [lätwóró] *noun*
 a bird species, fly-catcher
latyet [lätÿët] *noun*
 diviner

lawac kom [låwàc kòm] *noun*
 a lazy person
lawala [låwàlå] *noun*
 a loop for game
lawang [låwång] *noun*
 representative
lawany [låwåny] *noun*
 1 miser
 2 expecting other peoples food
lawat [låwåt] *noun*
 (of a person) having the qualities of a relative, by making courtesy calls
lawi [låwii] *noun*
 head of
låwii lwéeny military leader
låwii móón leader of women
lawil [låwìll] *noun*
 buyer, merchant
 PLU lùwìll
lawiny [låwíiny] *noun*
 1 traditional pleated skirts
 2 rags
lawinya [låwìnyà] *noun*
 foodstuff mostly of simsim butter mixed with honey etc
lawol [låwòö] *noun*
 a poisoner
lawor [låwóör] *noun*
 yesterday
låwórrö mácáà the day after yesterday
 ALSO låwórrö
laworo [låwórró] *noun*
 obedient person
 PLU lùwórrò
laworo [låwórrö] *noun*
 a miser

lawot [làwòt] *noun*
 a traveller
laworo [làwòrrò] *noun*
 yesterday
 ALSO **làwòòr**
layab [làyááb] *noun*
 an opener, key
layak [làyák] *noun*
 robber
layata [làyátà] *noun*
 potatoes
 ALSO **kìyátà**
layibi [làyíbì] *noun*
 granary roof lifting pole
layido [làyìdò] *noun*
 a skin disease affecting mostly
 the joints
layir [làyír] *noun*
 bewitcher
 PLU **lùyíír**
layo [làyyo] *verb*
 urinating
layom [làyòòm] *noun*
 a circumcised person
layuta [làyütá] *noun*
 trap for birds
laywa [làywàà] *noun*
 ruining crops through be-
 witching
laywe [làywéè] *noun*
 broom for the outside
leb [lééb] *noun*
 1 tongue
 2 language
lébbé kékè she has a bitter
 tongue
lééb múnú the whiteman's
 language; English
leb [lééb] *verb*
 (to) carry

lebe lebe [lèbè lèbè] *adverb*
 hanging loosely
lébbè can be carried
lèbbò to carry
lec [lééc] *noun*
 inherit
lede [lédéè] *verb*
 to speak continuously
lèddò speaking non stop
lee [lèë] *verb*
 inherit, receive
lee [lèë] *noun*
 1 animal
 2 game
lee [lèè] *noun*
 axe
leg [lèëg] *noun*
 (to) pray, ask, request, plead
lega [lèggà] *noun*
 prayers
lèggò praying
lego [lèggò] *verb*
 1 begging
 2 praying
lejaleja [lèjà léjà] *noun*
 manual work (usually sea-
 sonal)
lek [léék] *noun*
 dream
lékkòò dreaming
lela [lélá] *noun*
 rock
lela [lèlà] *noun*
 bicycle
lel [lèéł] *verb*
 stir seasoning
lèllò stirring in seasoning
lem [léém] *noun*
 cheek

lem [lèëm] *verb*
 feeling sick
lèmmò nauseating
lem [lèëm] *verb*
 1 lick
 2 lap
leng [lééng] *adjective*
 brand new
leng [lèëng] *verb*
 (to) give way
lènnqò yòò giving way
leng [lèëng] *adjective*
 1 clean, pure
 2 holy
wànngè lèng it is clean, she
 is a good person
lenga [lèngá] *noun*
 charm, amulet
lenga [lèngá] *noun*
 white or red lilly
lenço [lénngó] *verb*
 1 blow a whistle
 2 inflate a ball
leny [lèëny] *noun*
 heartburn
leny [lèëny] *verb*
 melt, liquefy
ler [léléér] *noun*
 artery, vein
lewig [lèwìç] *noun*
 shame
leyo [lèyyò] *verb*
 1 search
 2 snatch
lib [lìlb] *verb*
 (to) stalk, skim
lìbbò skimming
libira [lìbírà] *noun*
 needle

libo [lìbó] *noun*
 (of milk) fresh
lic [lìc] *verb*
 (to) thaw
ligo [lìggò] *verb*
 to make it no longer sharp,
 blunt
li [lìi] *verb*
 (to) pour slowly in trickle
lik [lìik] *adjective*
 slow and awkward
lil [lìl] *noun*
 charred grass blown by the
 wind
lil [lìl] *verb*
 (to) polish
lilo [lìllò] *verb*
 1 polishing
 2 levelling
lim [lìim] *adjective*
 sweet
lim [lìim] *noun*
 1 money
 2 wealth
 3 bride price
lim [lìim] *verb*
 (to) visit, pay a visit to
lìmmò visiting
ling [lìíng] *noun*
 a small knife for harvest-
 ing millet
ling [lìíng] *noun*
 mineral salt
 ALSO **kàdò líng**
ling [lìíng] *verb*
 (to) be quiet, silent
lìnnqò being quiet
ling [lìíng] *adverb*
 absolutely quiet, still

píng ólìng ní lìng it was
 absolutely quiet
lingo [línngò] *noun*
 keeping quiet
lir [lìr] *verb*
 (to) cut into strips
lírrè can be cut into strips
lírrò cutting into strips
lir [lìr] *verb*
 (to) hang about, linger, circulate
liro [lírrò] *noun*
 stripping
lit [lìt] *adjective*
 painful, sore
liyo [liyyò] *verb*
 filtering
lobele [lòbélé] *noun*
 platform
 ALSO lâbélé
lobo [lòbò] *noun*
 earth, land, the world
loc [lòóc] *noun*
 peg
loc [lóóc] *noun*
 governance
loco [lòccò] *verb*
 (to) alternate
lodi [lòdî] *noun*
 short Y shaped poles
lomoro [lòmórò] *noun*
 gizard
log [lòög] *verb*
 to loosen a rope etc
logule [lògùlè] *noun*
 elbow
 ALSO òtwéeng
logwete [lògwèté] *noun*
 sling

lok [lòðk] *noun*
 word, speech, case
lok [lòðk] *verb*
 change, exchange, swap
lókkèè can be exchanged, changed
lòkkò changing, exchanging
loka [lòká] *noun*
 across, other side (usually of a river, lake etc)
loko [lòkkò] *verb*
 changing, exchanging, swapping
lolim [lòlím] *noun*
 hornless cow
long [lòöng] *verb*
 to winnow
lònngò bell winnowing
long [lóöng] *noun*
 1 trousers (ENG)
 2 mòtòlón
 ARA motolon
longo [lòngò] *adverb*
 only
longo [lòngò] *adjective*
 (of noise, voice, speech) clearly audible
lony [lòöny] *verb*
 1 (of a child) to increase in size
 2 (of a person) to become rich
lonyo [lònnyò] *noun*
 riches, fortune, wealth
loo [lòð] *verb*
 1 (to) rule, rule over
 2 to conquer
 3 (to) defeat

4 (to) be overcomed, defeated
loo [lòð] *verb*
 (to) melt, thaw
lor [lòðr] *verb*
 (to) shut, close
lòrrò shutting, closing
lor [lòðr] *verb*
 (to) push
lòrrò pushing
loro [lòrò] *noun*
 an outdoor rack for putting things on, drying utensils etc
loro [lòrò] *noun*
 1 shutting, closing
 2 pushing
lot [lòöt] *verb*
 (to) sprout, grow
loyo [lòyyò] *verb*
 1 to win
 2 to defeat
 3 to overcome
 4 to exceed
loyo [lòyyò] *noun*
 1 ruling, leading
 2 exceeding 3 defeating
lub [lùüb] *verb*
 (to) follow, trace
lubanga [lùbàngà] *noun*
 God
 BNT ruhanga
 ALSO rùbàngà
lucoro [lùcòrò] *noun*
 a large tree with thorny branches
ludok [lùdògòk] *adjective*
 naked
luga [lùgá] *noun*
 a shrub

lugaga [lùgágà] *noun*
 charm buried to harm
lugogo [lùgògò] *noun*
 papyrus like reeds
lujiko [lùjikò] *noun*
 gonorrhea
luk [lùük] *verb*
 (to) follow
 ALSO lùüb
luk [lúük] *noun*
 fine imposed for violating a girl
luk [lùük] *verb*
 (of hair) to overgrow
lukeme [lùkémé] *noun*
 musical instrument; thumb piano.
luker [lùkéér] *noun*
 of, related to royalty
lukiko [lùkikò] *noun*
 court
 BNT lukiko
lukile [lùkílè] *noun*
 ornamental axe
lukoko [lùkòkò] *noun*
 grass species
lukiro [lùkìrò] *noun*
 taboo
lukulo [lùkùlò] *noun*
 yorghut
lukut [lùkùüt] *noun*
 remains of polenta as beer
lukwa [lùkwáà] *noun*
 descendants
lùkwáyà my grandchildren
lulibo [lùlìbbò] *noun*
 terrorists, gangsters
lulu [lùlù] *noun*
 copper bracelets

lunebi [lùnébi] <i>noun</i> prophets ARA <i>nebi</i> SGL lànébi	lure [lúrré] <i>noun</i> flute	lweny [lwéény] <i>noun</i> fighting, war, battles	lwoko [lwòkkò] <i>verb</i> 1 seeing off a guest 2 washing
lung [lúyìng] <i>noun</i> slope	lurogo [lùrógó] <i>noun</i> a plant	lwer [lwèér] <i>verb</i> cut trim, prune	lwoko [lwòkkò] <i>noun</i> washing
lung [lùyìng] <i>verb</i> (to) bend, lower	luru [lùrrù] <i>verb</i> trample	lwet [lwéét] <i>verb</i> nails (finger and toe)	lwong [lwòòng] <i>verb</i> (to) call, summon
lunge [lùngéè] <i>verb</i> round	luru [lùrú] <i>noun</i> dregs	lwi [lwíi] <i>verb</i> whistle	lwònngò <i>summoning</i>
lungo [lùnnngò] <i>noun</i> lowering the eye, head down	lut [lùùt] <i>noun</i> stick	lwi [lwíi] <i>verb</i> (to) escape	lwongo [lwònngò] <i>noun</i> summoning, calling
luny [lùüny] <i>verb</i> 1 (to) take off clothing 2 (to) undress	lut [lùüt] <i>verb</i> (to) dip hand etc in a liquid	lwíic <i>noun</i> whistling	lwor [lwòör] <i>verb</i> (to) respect
lúnnnyéè she is undressing	lúttéè can be dipped	lwíiny <i>verb</i> 1 (to) dive (into water) 2 (to) sink	lwóró béér respect is good
lùnnyyéè undressing	lùttò dipping hand etc	lwinyo [lwínnnyò] <i>noun</i> 1 diving 2 sinking	lwòrréè showing respect
lùnnnyò the act of undressing	luto [lùttò] <i>noun</i> dipping hand in	lwir [lwíir] <i>verb</i> (to) not conceive easily	lwórróò the act of respecting
lunyo [lùnnnyò] <i>noun</i> taking off clothes; undressing	lukot [lùtkòt] <i>noun</i> lightning	lwírróò prolonged period of not bearing	
lunyodo [lunyòòdò] <i>noun</i> parents	lutori [lùtòri] <i>noun</i> plant with prickly leaves	lwit [lwíit] <i>noun</i> charm, amulet	lwor [lwòör] <i>verb</i> (to) fear
lunywan [lùnywáán] <i>noun</i> naked	lùù <i>adverb</i> covered in smoke	lwit [lwíit] <i>noun</i> root	<i>lwórró ràc</i> fear is a bad thing
lupoya [lùpòyá] <i>noun</i> madmen	Iwak [lwààk] <i>noun</i> 1 crowd	Iwiyo [lwíyyò] <i>noun</i> whistling	lwor [lwòör] <i>adjective</i> fearful
SGL lápòyá	2 herd	lwob [lwòòb] <i>verb</i> (to) tie	lworo [lwòrrò] <i>noun</i> respecting
lupwonye [lùpwónyé] <i>noun</i> teachers	3 multitude	lwob [lwòbbè] can be tied	lworo [lwòrró] <i>noun</i> fear
SGL lápwoñy	PLU lwàkkí	lwob [lwòbbò] tying	lya [lyàà] <i>adverb</i> in long shreds
lupwu [lúpwúú] <i>noun</i> mist, fog	Iwango [lwàngò] <i>noun</i> fly	lwobo [lwòbbò] <i>noun</i> tying	lyak [lyáák] <i>noun</i> root ALSO Iwít
lur [lùür] <i>noun</i> being barren, sterile	Iwar [lwáár] <i>noun</i> grey hair	lwoc [lwóóc] <i>noun</i> fog, mist	lyako [lyàkkò] <i>verb</i> (to) grind till smooth
lur [lùür] <i>verb</i> (to) pour slowly in trickle	Iweka [lwékà] <i>noun</i> okra, lady fingers	lwok [lwòòk] <i>verb</i> (to) wash	lye [lyèè] <i>noun</i> recently scorched ground ALSO lyèèk
	ALSO òtígó	lwòkkò <i>washing</i>	CFR ráá
	Iweko [lwèkkò] <i>verb</i> roaming		Iyec [lyèèc] <i>noun</i> elephant

lyedi [lyèdí] *noun*
 razor blade
lyek [lyèk] *noun*
 a piece of land with grass
 recently burnt
 ALSO **lyèè**
lyel [lyèèl] *noun*
 grave tomb
 lyèlléè his grave
 lyèllì the late, the deceased
lyel [lyèèl] *verb*
 1 (of fire torch) to burn
 2 set fire to
 lyéél is burning
 lyèllò setting it on fire
lyel [lyèèl] *verb*
 shave
 lyèllò shaving
lyelo [lyèllò] *noun*
 1 shaving
 2 setting alight
lyer [lyéér] *noun*
 structure on which simsim
 is dried
lyer [lyèér] *verb*
 to cook vegetables, usually
 with a minimum of
 seasoning
lyere [lyèrréè] *verb*
 swing (from tree to tree)
lyet [lyèèt] *verb*
 (to) warm up, heat up
 lyéttèè can be warmed up,
 heated up
 lyèttò warming up, heating
 up.
lyet [lyèèt] *adjective*
 hot
lyeto [lyèttò] *noun*
 warming up, heating up

lyono [lyònó] *noun*
 a plant with a tuber

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ma [mā] *pronoun*
 the one which
 mā bér a good one
maa [màā] *verb*
 1 (to) take by force
 2 (to) confiscate
 3 (to) mug
maa [màá] *noun*
 my mother
 CFR mènní your mother
mabuc [màbúyc] *noun*
 prison
 ARA maboush
mabur [màbúyr] *noun*
 steamer
 ARA babour
mabura [mábúrà] *noun*
 file, for sharpening
 ARA mafura
mac [mààc] *noun*
 1 fire
 2 light
mac [máác] *noun*
 robbery, confiscation
maca [màcáà] *adverb*
 that one
macalo [màcáló] *adverb*
 for example, like, as
mad [màad] *verb*
 1 (to) swab, clean wound
 2 (to) massage
màddèè can be swabbed

màddí swab
màddò swabbing
mado [màddò] *noun*
 swabbing
madara [màdárà] *noun*
 1 sun glasses
 2 mirror
 ARA nadara
maga [màgà] *adverb*
 full of a river overflowing
majan [màjàn] *noun*
 weighing scale
 ARA wazaan
majan cai [màjàn cáñ] *noun*
 tea leaves
 SWA majan
mak [màák] *verb*
 1 (to) hold, catch
 2 (to) capture, arrest
 3 (to) be afflicted by an illness
 4 (to) take care of a home,
 manage a family
 5 (to) catch fish
mákkèè can be held, captured,
 arrested
màkkò holding, catching,
 arresting
màkkò rééc fishing
maka [màkáà] *noun*
 charcoal
 SWA makaa
makatala [màkátálà] *noun*
 work to be completed at
 a fixed time
 SWA maktala
makatap [mákátáp] *noun*
 court
 ARA makhtaab

mako [màkkò] *verb*
 1 (of a person) to spend
 time in prison, incarcerated
 2 to acquire qualities
 3 to be caught
mako [màkkò] *noun*
 catching
mal [mààl] *verb*
 (to) wander aimlessly
mal [màäl] *verb*
 (to) fry
málágò *noun*
 spoon
 ARA malaga
malakwang [màlákwáàng] *noun*
 sour tasting vegetable
malaya [màláyà] *noun*
 harlot, prostitute
 SWA malaya
maleria [màlérià] *noun*
 malaria (ENG)
mali [máli] *noun*
 wealth
 ARA maal
man [máàn] *demonstrative*
 this
malo [màló] *preposition*
 up
man [mààn] *noun*
 scrotum
man [màän] *verb*
 (to) go around, circumvent
mànnéè going around
mànnò going round
many [màäny] *verb*
 (to) glance around, survey
 the surrounding
mar [màär] *verb*
 (to) love, like

márrēè can be loved, lovable
màrrò loving
mar [máár] noun
 love
mara [màrrá] pronoun
 my mother in law
màrrò being a mother in law
màrrè his mother in law
marina [màrìnà] noun
 dance costume
maro [màrrò] noun
 liking, loving
maro [màrò] noun
 being a mother in law
maro [màrrò] noun
 loving
mat [màät] verb
 1 (to) drink
 2 (to) smoke
màät pý drink water
máttèè can be drunk
màttò drinking
mat [màät] noun
 1 drinking
 2 smoking
matapwal [màtápwlí] noun
 bricks
 SWA *matafali*
matata [màtátà] noun
 problems trouble
 SWA *matata*
mato [màttò] noun
 drinking
mayiro [máyírò] noun
 mile
 (ENG)
me [mé] preposition

for, with
mé cāum for eating
med [mèēd] verb
 1 add
 2 increase
mèēd máac increase the fire
mèddā add to me
mèddē add to him
méddèè can be added
mèddò adding, increasing
medo [mèddò] noun
 adding, increasing
mee [mèē] verb
 1 (to) thaw
 2 (to) melt
mee [méé] noun
 1 thawing
 2 melting
mego [mègò] noun
 motherhood
meja [méjà] noun
 table
 SWA *mezaa*
meja [méjà] noun
 major, the rank (ENG)
mel [mèèl] noun
 steamer
mel [mèél] noun
 without rain
memba [mémبà] noun
 member (ENG)
 ALSO *làmembà*
 PLU *lùmembà*
meni [mènì] noun
 your mother
meno [mènò] pronoun
 that one
mer [mèér] noun
 getting used to; making friend-ship

mer [mèér] verb
 (to) get drunk
mérró being drunk, getting drunk
mera [mérá] pronoun
 mine
mere [mèréè] verb
 boasting
meri [mérif] noun
 yours
mero [mèrró] noun
 getting drunk, being drunk
merok [mèròk] noun
 foreigner
 ALSO *làròk*
meny [mèeny] verb
 (to) ignite, light, switch on
meyo [mèyyò] verb
 (of fire) to keep it going, spreading
meyo [mèyyò] verb
 melting, thawing
meyo [mèyyò] verb
 (to) make one feel sick especially after eating a sweet thing, nauseating
mic [míic] noun
 gift, present
mica [míca] noun
 mass
 ITA *messa*
mican [mícāän] noun
 (of church) mission (ENG)
 ALSO *mícōön*
micon [mícōön] noun
 (of church) mission (ENG)
 ALSO *mícāän*
mida [mídá] noun
 a skin disease

mido [mÿddò] verb
 (to) exude, extend out disproportionately
mi [mì] verb
 (to) give, offer
mi [mì] verb
 (of eye) to close
mil [mìl] verb
 (to) glitter, sparkle
mile [mìlè] noun
 salt
 ARA *mile*
 ALSO *kàdò*
min [mìin] noun
 mother
mìnna my mother
mìnneè the mother, her mother
min [mìin] noun
 the female of
mìn dyàáng cow
min [mìin] adjective
 big, huge
mìn gòòt a big hill
min [mìin] verb
 (to) twist, twirl
ming [mìng] adjective
 foolish, stupid
minyo [mìnnyò] noun
 suet
miri [mírì] noun
 government
mírì noun
 charcoal
 ALSO *biló*, *màkáàr*
mit [míít] noun
 desire, liking, love
mit [mìit] verb
 like, desire, love
mítteè desirable, necessary

míttí desire, like
míttò desiring
mit [mít] *adjective*
 1 (of food) tasty
 2 (of a speech) good
miti [mítí] *noun*
 desire, desiring
mito [mítò] *noun*
 liking, desiring
miya [míyà] *noun*
 hundred
 SWA *mia*
miyo [míyyò] *verb*
 giving
miyo [míyyò] *verb*
 closing the eyes or clasping the hands
mo [mòò] *noun*
 1 oil
 2 fat
 3 ghee, butter
mòò nyìjìm simsim oil
mo [mòò] *noun*
 pulp
mo [móò] *adverb*
 somewhere, anywhere, wherever
mo [móò] *adverb*
 some
mìyā móò give me some
moo [mòò] *verb*
 put out to dry
móóc drying out
móyyò spreading out to dry
mònò drying
mok [mòòk] *verb*
 (to) light, kindle
mòòk mààc ignite fire
mókkèè can be ignited
mòkkò igniting fire

mok [mòòk] *verb*
 eating powdery stuff, lap
mòòk cùkári lap sugar
mókkèè can be lapped
mòkkò lapping
moko [mókkò] *adverb*
 some
 ALSO **mógó**
moko [mòkkò] *noun*
 flour
mòkkò mòkkò powdery
moko [mòkkò] *noun*
 lighting fire
moko [mòkkò] *noun*
 taking in powdery stuff
mol [mòòl] *verb*
 1 flow
 2 float
mòllò flowing, being carried by water
molò [mòllò] *noun*
 flowing, floating
mon [mòòn] *verb*
 being in warring terms
mon [móón] *noun*
 1 wives
 2 women
 CFR **dákòò** — woman, wife
mono [mònò] *noun*
 food reserved for future use in a granary
mono [mònò] *adverb*
 (used to question) ability, whereabout
én móñò òbínnò has she come?
mono [mònñò] *verb*
 exposing secret
mor [mòòr] *verb*
 expose the eyes, stare unflinchingly

mor [mòòr] *verb*
 1 roar
 2 thunder
píny móör it is thundering.
moro [mòrrò] *noun*
 soldier ants
moro [mòrrò] *noun*
 staring unflinchingly
mot [mòòt] *adjective*
 1 slow, gentle
 2 quiet
mot [mòòt] *verb*
 (to) greet
mòttèè can be greeted
mòtté to greet her
mòttò the act of greeting
mot [mòòt] *noun*
 greeting, greetings
moto [mòttò] *noun*
 greeting
motoka [mòtòkà] *noun*
 motorcar (ENG)
moyo [mòyyò] *verb*
 spreading out to dry
mucara [mùcárà] *noun*
 wages, pay, salary
 SWA *msara*
mucoro [mùcórò] *noun*
 taxes, taxation
 SWA *msoro*
mucumar [mùcùmáár] *noun*
 nail (for house building)
 ARA *musmaar*
mucumen [mùcùménì] *noun*
 saw
mugana [mùgánnà] *noun*
 rafter on a house
muganga [mùgángà] *noun*
 gunpowder

mugati [mùgàti] *noun*
 bread
 SWA *mugati*
muindi [mùñdì] *noun*
 Indian
mujula [mújúlá] *noun*
 unmarried man; bachelor
muk [mùñük] *verb*
 1 (to) break a piece off, slice a bit off
 2 (to) uproot
mùkkù lìàk uprooting tooth
múkkèè can be uprooted, broken off
mùkkù uprooting, breaking a piece off
mukeka [mùkèkà] .*n*
 mat
mukene [múkénèè] *demonstrative*
 another one
muku [mùkkù] *noun*
 uprooting, extracting
mukungu [mùkúnggù] *noun*
 a junior chief, just below 'jago'
 BNT *mkungu*
mul [mùñùl] *verb*
 1 (to) touch
 2 (to) crawl
mùllò crawling, touching
mulo [mùllò] *noun*
 crawling, touching
munero [mùnéró] *noun*
 naked
 ALSO *lùdóók*, *lùnéró*
muno [mùnó] *noun*
 a white person
 PLU **mùnnù**
 ALSO *òtárá*

mung [mùūng] *verb*
 1 (to) deny doing a thing
 2 (to) refuse to divulge, keep a thing a secret
múnngèè can be kept a secret, concealed
mùnnngò concealing, keeping a thing a secret
mung [múúng] *noun*
 secret
mungo mùnnngò *noun*
 keeping a thing a secret
muny [mùūny] *verb*
 (to) swallow
mùūny yáàt swallow the medicine
múnnyèè can be swallowed
mùnnnyò swallowing
munyo [múnyòò] *adverb*
 at this period, these days
munyo [mùnnnyò] *noun*
 swallowing
mupira [mùpírà] *noun*
 1 football
 2 footbal match, game
 3 balls in general
 SWA *mpira*
mur [múúr] *noun*
 vagina
 ALSO **tùùn**
mur [mùûr] *verb*
 1 (to) warm up, heat up food
 2 (to) boil water, tea
mùûr déèk warm up the sauce
múrrèè can be warmed up, heated
mùrrò heating up, warming up
muro [mùrrò] *noun*

boiling, warming, heating up
mut [muut] *adverb*
 an action with single movement
mwuu [múwù] *pronoun*
 yours
 ALSO **méwū**
mwa [mwàà] *adverb*
 in vain
mwaka [mwàká] *noun*
 1 year
 2 age
mwaro [mwàrrò] *verb*
 pinching a huge amount of polenta
mwoc [mwòòc] *verb*
 (to) burst and make a loud noise
mwoc [mwòòc] *noun*
 praise names
mwoc [mwòòc] *noun*
 labour pains
mwoc [mwòòc] *verb*
 shouting out the praise names
mwod [mwòòd] *verb*
 (to) eat
mwóddèè can be eaten, edible
mwóddò eating
mwode [mwòddéè] *verb*
 (of stomach) to ache
mwodo [mwòddò] *verb*
 collecting, gathering firewood
mwodo [mwòddò] *noun*
 eating
mwodo [mwòdò] *noun*
 grass for compound

mwok [mwóók] *noun*
 antbear, anteater
mwol [mwòòl] *adjective*
 1 gentle
 2 kind hearted
mwóllò gentleness kind heartedness
mwolo [mwóllò] *noun*
 gentleness, politeness
mwone [mwòonnè] *verb*
 take to flight
mwono [mwòonnò] *verb*
 plastering a house
mwony [mwòöny] *verb*
 (to) swallow
mwony [mwòöny] *noun*
 war, battle
mwonya [mwóonyá] *adjective*
 pleasing, good looking to me
mwonyo [mwòonyó] *noun*
 a tree species
mwonyo [mwòönyò] *verb*
 swallowing
mwot [mwòòt] *noun*
 joints
myel [myèèl] *verb*
 1 dance
 2 shake, tremble
cínngé tyéé kà myèèl her hands are shaking.
myéllò dancing, shaking
myel [myèèl] *noun*
 dance
myelo [myéllò] *noun*
 1 dancing
 2 shaking of hands etc
myen [myèèn] *verb*
 (to) stir flour in hot water to make polenta, knead

myèèn kwóðòñ knead polenta
myénnèè can be kneaded
myènné knead (it) for her
myènnò kneading
myeno [myènnò] *noun*
 kneading
myero [myèèrò] *adverb*
 1 supposedly
 2 suitable
 3 should

N n

na [nā] *pronoun*
 1 the full form of the first person singular pronoun; 'I'
 2 belonging to me; mine
bòngòñā my clothes
 CFR **ā**; the short form
na [nàā] *verb*
 1 (to) tilt slightly
 2 (to) bend slightly
nàā mánòòk tilt it slightly
nak [nààk] *verb*
 1 (to) transplant
 2 (to) replant
 3 (to) uproot
nákkèè can be transplanted, uprooted
nàkkò transplanting, uprooting
nak [nààk] *noun*
 a wall cupboard
naka [nàkà] *noun*
 winged termite species that come out during the day rather than at night

naka [nàkà] *conjunction*
until
kùrrā nàkà àqō wait until I arrive
naka naka [nàkà nàkà] *adverb*
forever
naka nen [nákà néèn] *adverb*
earlier in the day
nake [nàkkéé] *verb*
bending
nake [nákéé] *verb*
can be transplanted
nako [nàkkò] *noun*
uprooting
nàkkò lààk extracting tooth
nal [nàäl] *verb*
(to) bend downwards
nállèè can be bent
nàllò bending
nam [nààm] *noun*
river, lake, sea
namba [námbá] *noun*
number (ENG)
namo [námmóò] *verb*
chatting, conversation
nang [nàäng] *verb*
1 (to) lick
2 (to) lap
nánngéè can be lapped.
nànngò lapping
nanga [nàngà] *noun*
a small stringed musical instrument
nango [nàngò] *noun*
lapping
nayo [nàyyò] *verb*
to push, push aside
nedo [nèdò] *noun*
malnutrition

nek [nèék] *verb*
1 (to) kill, murder
2 (of light) put off, switch off, extinguish
3 (to) destroy, smash
nékkéè can be killed
nèkké kill her
nèkkò killing, switching off, destroying
nek [nèék] *verb*
1 (to) feel pangs of hunger
2 (to) feel cold
kèèc nèkkò she is hungry
kòyyò nèkkä I am feeling cold
nek [nèék] *noun*
murder, homicide, killing
neko [nèkkò] *noun*
feel hungry, cold
neko [nèkkò] *noun*
murder, killing
nen [nèèn] *verb*
1 (to) see, look
2 (to) experience. *nènnò*
cààn suffering, enduring suffering
nénnéè can be seen
nènnò seeing, experiencing
nen [nèèn] *adjective*
visible
nene [néné] *adverb*
in the past
neno [nènnò] *noun*
seeing, watching, looking, observing
nep [nèèp] *adjective*
soft, flexible
ner [nèèr] *verb*
wither, wittle

ner [nér] *noun*
mother's brother; maternal uncle
nérrá my uncle
nérrú your uncle
nèrrò being an uncle
ni [ní] *pronoun*
that
niang [niäng] *verb*
(to) understand
níänngéè can be understood, understandable
nìànnngò understand, understanding
niang [niàng] *noun*
understanding
niango [niàngò] *noun*
understanding
nid [nìid] *verb*
(to) tie
níddéè can be tied
nìddò tying
nido [nìddò] *noun*
tying
nin [nìín] *verb*
(to) sleep
nino [nìnnò] *noun*
sleeping
nino [nìnnò] *noun*
day
nìnò dwèè day of the month
nìnò àcél one day
ninga [nìngá] *noun*
a black monkey species
ning [nìng] *verb*
(to) close one eye
ningo [ní ngò] *adverb*
1 (in greetings) how are you?
2 that what

nok [nòk] *adjective*
not enough, small, a few
nono [nònó] *adverb*
1 without cause or reason
2 for no apparent reason
nong [nòng] *verb*
(to) find, get, achieve
nónngéè can be found
nònngò finding, getting
nongo [nòngò] *noun*
finding, getting
not [nòöt] *verb*
1 (to) kiss
2 (to) suck
nòttò sucking
noto [nòttò] *noun*
sucking, kissing
nota [nòtà] *noun*
depression, valley
nucu [nùcù] *noun*
half
ARA noun
nud [nùüd] *verb*
(to) make porridge
nùddò making porridge
nude [nùddéè] *verb*
worn out
nudo [nùddò] *noun*
1 stirring
2 tilting
nukta [núkütta] *noun*
letter
ARA nukta
numu [númú] *adjective*
1 raw
2 fresh
3 unripe
4 (of a child) born prematurely

nung [nùüng] *verb*
entertain
nwààng *adjective*
1 tough; not soft
2 tenacious
nweng [nwèëng] *verb*
(to) climb especially a long pole or tree effortlessly
nwo [nwòò] *verb*
1 (to) repeat, do again
2 (to) reiterate
nwónnéè can be repeated
nwònneè repeating it
nwòyyò repeating
nwoyo [nwòyyò] *noun*
repeating, repetition, duplication

Ng ng

nga [ngà] *pronoun*
who, whom. *ngà mûwàccò*
who said it?
nga [ngàä] *verb*
(to) make jokes
ngálá jokes
ngaa [ngàä] *verb*
(to) place lying on the back
ngab [ngàäb] *verb*
(to) hang up
ngàäb málô hang it up
ngábbéè can be hung up
ngàbbò hanging up
ngabo [ngàbbò] *noun*
hanging a thing up
ngaca [ngàcà] *adverb*
lying down unrestrained

ngad [ngàäd] *verb*
1 (to) trim
2 (to) cut off top bits
ngáddéè can be trimmed
ngàddò trimming
ngad [ngàäd] *verb*
(to) stretch
ngadi [ngàdi] *pronoun*
this person
ngado [ngàddò] *noun*
trimming
ngak [ngàäk] *verb*
(to) turn, make a detour
ngak [ngàäk] *verb*
(to) grind coarsely
ngal [ngàäl] *verb*
(to) tease, make fun of, ridicule
ngálléè can be made fun of
ngállò making fun of
ngalo [ngàllò] *verb*
to cork a gun
ngalo [ngàllò] *verb*
(to) sprain
ngàllò *verb*
(to) eat polenta without sauce
ngam [ngàäm] *verb*
(to) open, especially the mouth
ngamo [ngàmmò] *noun*
opening the mouth widely
ngamo [ngàmmò] *verb*
yawning
ngan [ngàän] *verb*
(to) pinch a handful of polenta
ngany [ngàäny] *verb*
waddle away, move away
ngaro ngaro [ngàrò ngàrò] *adverb*
not softly cooked; crunchy

ngat [ngàät] *verb*
to boast
ngàttéè boasting
ngati [ngàti] *pronoun*
someone, somebody
ALSO **ngàtíí**, **ngàtì**
ngawo [ngàwò] *adjective*
brittle
ngayo [ngàyyò] *verb*
place with the face up
nge [ngèë] *verb*
(to) know
nge [ngèë] *noun*
back part of a thing; back
ngec [ngèëc] *noun*
alligator
ngec [ngééc] *noun*
knowledge
nget [ngèët] *verb*
(to) annoy, irritate
ngéttò irritating
ngeto [ngéttò] *noun*
irritating
ngeyo [ngèyyò] *verb*
having knowledge of; knowing
ngib [ngìlb] *verb*
(to) nibble
ngìbbò nibbling
ngic [ngìic] *noun*
cold, cool, chill
ngi [ngìi] *verb*
1 (to) inspect
2 (to) examine
ngínnéè can be examined
ngic [ngíic] *noun*
inspection
ngid [ngìid] *verb*
(to) cut into small bits; slice
ngíddéè can be sliced
ngìddò slicing
ngido [ngìddò] *noun*
slicing
ngi [ngìi] *verb*
1 (to) get used to
2 (to) get acquainted to
ngil [ngìi] *verb*
(to) roll about
ngílléè is rolling about
ngìllò rolling about
ngili [ngíli] *noun*
a plant with a tuber
ngiliri [ngíliri] *noun*
ear rings
ngilo [ngìllò] *noun*
rolling about
ngimo [ngìmmò] *verb*
nibbing
nginingini [ngìnì ngínì] *noun*
tiny black ants
nginy [ngìny] *verb*
(to) rub
ngir [ngíir] *adjective*
obstinate
ngito [ngìttò] *verb*
(to) drizzle
ngiyo [ngìyyò] *noun*
examining
ngo [ngò] *pronoun*
what
ngo [ngòö] *verb*
1 to become watery
2 (of the eyes) to become watery
ngo [ngòö] *verb*
(to) divert, put a few aside
ngo [ngòö] *verb*
fear, fright

ngob [ngòōb] *verb*
 (to) alternate
ngoc [ngòōc] *verb*
 leave behind
ngod [ngòōd] *verb*
 (to) pull up
ngok [ngòōk] *verb*
 (to) vomit
ngòkkò vomitting
ngok [ngòók] *noun*
 1 vomit
 2 vomiting
ngok [ngòók] *verb*
 (of plants) to yield
ngoko [ngòkkò] *noun*
 vomiting
ngol [ngòōl] *verb*
 (to) become deformed, crippled, maimed
ngol [ngòōl] *verb*
 (to) cut
ngóllèè can be cut
ngòllò cutting
ngol [ngòōl] *verb*
 1 (to) pass via
 2 (to) takes a short cut
ngolo [ngòllò] *noun*
 being crippled
ngolo [ngòllò] *noun*
 1 cutting
 2 reaching a decision in a court; passing a verdict
ngolo [ngòllò] *verb*
 1 passing a judgment
 2 taking a short cut
 3 cutting
ngom [ngòòm] *noun*
 earth, land, soil
ngon [ngòòn] *adverb*
 well bred

ngon [ngòòn] *verb*
 boo
ngònèè can be boood
ngonge [ngòngè] *noun*
 otter
ngòngò *verb*
 peeping
ngor [ngòòr] *verb*
 cowpeas
ngot [ngòòt] *verb*
 have sex
ngòttéè having sex
ngòttò having sex, making love.
ngot [ngóót] *noun*
 intercourse
ngoto [ngòttò] *noun*
 having intercourse
nguko [ngùkkò] *verb*
 catch a person in an awkward moment; intrude upon
ngul [ngùùl] *verb*
 spit
ngùllò spitting
ngulo [ngùllò] *noun*
 spitting
ngun [ngùùn] *verb*
 1 (to) split off
 2 (to) snap off
 3 (to) break off
ngun [ngùùn] *verb*
 (to) cut, saw, break a bit off
ngýnnèè can be cut off
ngùnnò telling lies.
ngun [ngùùn] *verb*
 tell lies
ngùnnò telling lies
nguna [ngýnná] *noun*
 deception, lies

nguno [ngùnnò] *noun*
 1 cutting
 2 telling lies
nguc [ngùùny] *verb*
 disappear suddenly
nguno [ngùnnò] *noun*
 telling lies, sawing
ngur [ngùùr] *verb*
 (of a hoe blade etc) wear out
ngur [ngùùr] *verb*
 lion
 ALSO **làbwòòr**
ngu [ngùù] *noun*
 wild beasts usually of the cat family
ngut [ngùùt] *noun*
 neck, wrist
ngut [ngùùt] *verb*
 (to) show remorse
nguny [ngwùùny] *noun*
 anus
 ALSO **ngwìiny**, **ngwìiny cèèt**
ngwak [ngwàák] *verb*
 (to) bite lightly
ngwe [ngwèè] *verb*
 1 (to) smell
 2 (to) sniff
ngwe [ngwéé] *adjective*
 emitting a smell; smelly
ngwec [ngwèèc] *noun*
 flight, race
ngwec [ngwèèc] *verb*
 race
ngwec [ngwééc] *noun*
 smell
ngweco [ngwèccò] *noun*
 running
ngwed [ngwèèd] *verb*
 pluck

ngwéddèè can be plucked
ngwèddò plucking
ngwedo [ngwèddò] *noun*
 plucking
ngwek [ngwèèk] *verb*
 decorate adorn
ngweko [ngwèkkò] *noun*
 decorating
ngwel [ngwèèl] *verb*
 open widely
ngwèèl wáningí Open your eyes wide
ngwelo [ngwèllò] *verb*
 1 to swallow a huge amount of food at ago
 2 to pass a big stool
ngwen [ngwèèn] *noun*
 edible winged termites
ngweny [ngwèény] *verb*
 1 pinch
 2 tweak, scratch
 3 (to) get some polenta with the hands
ngwènnyyéè pinching the self or each other
ngwénnyéè can be pinched
ngwènnyyò pinching
 ALSO **ngwìiny**
ngwenyo [ngwènnyyò] *noun*
 pinching
ngwer [ngwèèr] *verb*
 (to) cut into small pieces, slice
ngwèèr bóò slice the vegetables
ngwérrèè can be cut
ngwèrrò cutting
ngwero [ngwèrrò] *noun*
 cutting, shredding

ngwete [ngwèttéè] *verb*
 (to) struggle to do a difficult thing
ngweyo [ngwèyyò] *noun*
 1 smelling
 2 sniffing
ngwil *verb*
 peep through a gap
ngwilo [ngwillò] *noun*
 peeping
ngwiny [ngwiìny] *noun*
 anus
 ALSO ngùùny, ngwiìny cèèt
ngwiny [ngwiìny] *verb*
 (to) pinch
 ALSO ngwèeny
ngwinyo [ngwinnyò] *noun*
 pinching
ngwir [ngwiîr] *verb*
 (to) insist
ngwiro [ngwîrrò] *noun*
 insisting

Ny ny

nya [nyàà] *noun*
 daughter
 ALSO nyáár
nyarrá my daughter
nyàà rwòòt daughter of the chief
nyànì this girl, you girl
nya [nyàâl] *verb*
 1 (of disease) to spread
 2 (of a thing) to multiply, increase
nyàyyò spreading, multiplying, increasing

nyab [nyààb] *adjective*
 lazy
 ALSO nyààb, wààc
nyabo [nyábbó] *noun*
 laziness
nyac [nyààc] *noun*
 1 yaws
 2 syphilis
nyac [nyáác] *noun*
 increasing
nyaga [nyàgâ] *noun*
 leopard
nyak [nyàâk] *verb*
 (to) yield, bear fruit
nyàkkò bearing fruit
nyakacuna [nyàkàcùnà] *noun*
 smallpox
nyako [nyákóò] *noun*
 girl
 ALSO ànyáká
 PLU ànyìrà
nyako [nyàkkò] *noun*
 bearing fruit
nyal [nyààl] *noun*
 rust
nyal [nyàâl] *verb*
 (to) tease, make jokes
nyalo [nyàllò] *noun*
 teasing
nyàmmò *verb*
 1 chew
 2 deliberate over
nyampara [nyàmpárà] *noun*
 1 headman
 2 foreman
nyang [nyààng] *noun*
 crocodile
nyango [nyàngò] *noun*
 morning hours; around 7-9 am

nyany [nyàâny] *verb*
 (of knife, spear etc) to become blunt
nyanya [nyányà] *noun*
 tomatoes
nyap [nyààp] *adjective*
 lazy
 ALSO nyààb, wààc
nyar [nyáár] *noun*
 pubic hair
nyar [nyáár] *noun*
 udder
nyar [nyàár] *verb*
 (of grass, hair etc) to cut
nyárrèè can be cut
nyàrrò cutting, trimming
nyaro [nyàrrò] *noun*
 cutting, trimming
nyat [nyàât] *verb*
 (to) spear repeatedly
nyate [nyàttéè] *verb*
 boasting
nyato [nyàttò] *verb*
 to do over and over; repeat
nyayo [nyàyyò] *verb*
 multiplying, increasing
nye [nyéè] *interjection*
 hey
nyeb [nyèëb] *verb*
 get it used to, familiarize
nyébbèè can be familiarized
nyèbbò familiarising
nyeb [nyèbbò] *noun*
 being familiar with
nyed [nyèëd] *verb*
 talk, walk do a thing arrogantly

nyedo [nyèddò] *verb*
 balance water pot on the haed without holding
nyek [nyèèk] *noun*
 jealousy, envy
nyèkkéè a woman with whom one shares a husband; co-wife
nyeko [nyékkò] *noun*
 jealousy, envy
nyel [nyèël] *verb*
 to cut around
nyelo [nyélò] *noun*
 python
 ALSO nyálò
nyelo [nyèllò] *noun*
 cutting around, trimming the edges
nyen [nyèèn] *adjective*
 new
nyenye [nyénýé] *noun*
 cockroach
nyee [nyéè] *pronoun*
 person
nyérrì this man
nyéccà that man
nyer [nyèér] *verb*
 laugh
nyérrèè can be laughed at, laughable
nyèrré laugh at him
nyèrrò laughing at
nyero [nyérrò] *noun*
 laughter
nyet [nyèët] *verb*
 (of saliva) to jettison
nyétfèè jettisioning
nyèttèè to jettison
nyèttò jettisoning

nyeto [nyèttò] *noun*
 jettisoning
nyib [nyìib] *verb*
 cut, trim
nyibo [nyìbbò] *noun*
 trimming, cutting
nyig [nyíig] *noun*
 1 seeds, grain, fruit
 2 bullet
 3 eye ball
nyig púúl groundnut seed
nyik [nyíik] *verb*
 (to) edge closer or further
nyìkkè edging closer, further
nyikkò moving a thing closer, further
nyiko [nyìkkò] *noun*
 edging closer, bringing closer
nyim [nyíim] *noun*
 simsim
nyim [nyíim] *noun*
 1 face
 2 private part
 3 front part
nying [nyííng] *noun*
 name
mìyyò nyííng naming
màkkò nyííng baptism
nyiro [nyìrrò] *verb*
 (of sweat beads) to form on the face or body
nyo [nyò] *conjunction*
 or, perhaps
 ALSO **onyò**
nyoc [nyóóc] *noun*
 bending
nyodo [nyòdò] *noun*
 related to child bearing; parturition

lanyòdò parent
lùnyòdò parents
nyok [nyòòk] *noun*
 (of usually goat) male sex
nyòòk dyèèl he goat
 CFR twòòn
nyok [nyòòk] *adjective*
 strong and huge
nyom [nyòòm] *verb*
 (to) marry
nyom [nyòòm] *noun*
 marriage
nyòmmè can be married
nyòmmò marrying
nyomo [nyòmmò] *noun*
 marrying
nyon [nyòòn] *verb*
 (to) step on, trample, tread on
nyònè trampling on each other
nyónnè can be trampled on
nyònnò treading on
nyono [nyònnò] *noun*
 treading on
nyondo [nyòöndò] *noun*
 1 hammer
 ALSO **nyónò**, **nyòdò**
 SWA *nyondo*
 2 càkúc
 ARA *sakoush*
nyong [nyòöng] *verb*
 (to) squat
nyònngò squatting
nyong [nyòöng] *verb*
 (to) crumble, crease
nyónggè can be crumbled
nyònngò crumbling

nyongo [nyònngò] *noun*
 1 crumbling
 2 squatting
nyong [nyóóng] *adverb*
 deliberate act of malice; so what
nyony [nyòöny] *verb*
 sink slowly
nyonyo [nyònnyò] *noun*
 iron
 ALSO **cúmà**
nyor [nyòòr] *noun*
 chain
nyot [nyòòt] *verb*
 (to) mash, quash
nyòttè can be quashed, mashed
nyòttò mashing
nyoto [nyòttò] *noun*
 mashing, quashing
nyoyo [nyòyyò] *verb*
 giving up.
nyub [nyùub] *verb*
 1 (to) mix with, mix
 2 (to) knead
nyùub kí càák mix with milk
nyúbbè can be mixed
nyùbbò mixing
nyubo [nyùbbò] *noun*
 mixing, kneading
nyugi [nyúggì] *noun*
 louse
 SGL **onyóggò**
nyul [nyùüll] *adverb*
 pass quickly
nyung [nyùüng] *verb*
 (to) build
nyur [nyùür] *verb*
 (to) germinate; sprout
nyùrrò springing up, germinating
nyuro [nyùrrò] *noun*
 sprouting, geminating
nyut [nyùüt] *verb*
 1 point at
 2 show, indicate
 3 disclose
 4 introduce
nyúttè can be shown, pointed to, introduced, disclosed
nyútté showing the self, revealing the self
nyùttè show her, show it to her.
nyutu [nyùttù] *noun*
 1 showing, disclosing
 2 pointing
 3 introducing
 4 example
 ALSO **nyùttò**
nyùttò wéllè introducing visitors
nyùttò wéllé indicating the cost
lanyúüt an example, a pointer to
nyutu [nyùttù] *noun*
 showing, displaying, disclosing
 ALSO **nyùttò**
nywa nywa [nywàànywàà] *adverb*
 (of a thing) flashing, flicking on and off; glittering
nywak [nywáál] *verb*
 go with, in the company of
nywal [nywàäl] *verb*
 (to) give birth

nywàlléè her giving birth,
 her labour
nywàllò giving birth
nywal [nywààl] *noun*
 giving birth
nywààl bèèr 1 there is virtue
 in giving birth. 2 a very
 large saucepan
nywalo [nywàllò] *noun*
 giving birth
nywan [nywàän] *verb*
 (to) confuse, twist their words
nywànnéè being entangled,
 mixed up
nywànnò confusing
nywano [nywànnò] *noun*
 muddling up issues; con-
 fusing
nywang [nywàäng] *verb*
 knead
nywánngéè can be kneaded
nywànnò kneading
nywango [nywànnngò] *noun*
 kneading
nywar [nywàär] *verb*
 (to) make fun of, tease, de-
 ride
nywàrrò making fun of,
 teasing, deriding
lanywààr a teaser, joker
nywaro [nywàrrò] *noun*
 1 making fun of; teasing
 2 deriding

O o

o [ò-] *prefix*
 short form of the third per-

son personal pronoun —
 he, she, it, attached to verbs
 as prefix or suffix
 ALSO **ò**
càäm eat — *òcàämò* she ate
ob [òòb] *verb*
 start fire, poke fire
obaa [òbáá] *noun*
 a rodent well known for
 stealing household things
 like knives
obabe [òbàbbéè] *verb*
 to be confused, mixed up
obaca [òbácà] *noun*
 corporal
 ALSO **kópòlò**
 ARA *ombasa*
obalo [òbàlò] *noun*
 neck tendons
obange [òbànggéè] *verb*
 confused, unstable in mind
obar [òbàär] *adjective*
 cracked
obato [òbátóò] *noun*
 yams
obaya [òbàyä] *noun*
 large papyrus mat
ober [òbèèr] *noun*
 mosquito
ober [òbèèr] *noun*
 a tree whose bark is used
 as a mild poison for fish-
 ing
obeno [òbènnò] *noun*
 a leather baby carrying sling
obibi [òbìbi] *noun*
 ogre
obice [òbícé] *noun*

a rat species with a pun-
 gent smell and a pointed
 mouth
obir [òbíjr] *verb*
 (to) begin to germinate
obiku [òbíkù] *noun*
 a hollow reed that can be
 used for sucking beer or
 drinks
obiri [òbírì] *noun*
 of body to be all swollen
 up
obiya [òbíyä] *noun*
 spear grass
obo [òbbò] *verb*
 1 to make fire
 2 to poke fire
oboke [òbòkè] *noun*
 leaves
oboko [òbókò] *noun*
 cucumber like plant when
 dried
oboo [òbòò] *noun*
 lung
 ALSO **àbòòt**
oboro [òbóró] *noun*
 1 snake skin
 2 egg shell
obot [òbòt] *noun*
 hollow reed stalks used for
 sucking as a straw
obot [òbóót] *noun*
 foot print, foot marks
obot [òbòt] *noun*
 left over food
obuga [òbùgá] *noun*
 vegetable
obuko [òbükó] *noun*
 cowpeas cooked dry as snack

obul [òbúl] *noun*
 a tree with a soft white wood
obur [òbúúr] *noun*
 a deserted homestead
obute [òbútë] *noun*
 a horn used in dancing as
 an ornament
obwoo [òbwóò] *noun*
 net, fishing or for animals
obwol [òbwóól] *noun*
 mushroom
obwol mon [òbwóól móön]
noun
 1 a lizard that looks like
 snake
 2 a deceptive brief period
 of sun
oculube [òcúlúbë] *noun*
 rat species with a pointed
 mouth
odeyo [òdéyóò] *noun*
 hard crust left from polenta
 at the bottom of the pot
 ALSO **òdéyó kwòòn**
odi [òdñ] *noun*
 1 peanut butter
 2 simsim butter
 3 winged termite butter
odi [òdñ] *noun*
 a verbal knock to announce
 once presence at a door
odiko [òdíkó] *noun*
 morning
òdíkó cóòn early in the morn-
 ing
odile [òdilléè] *noun*
 an improvised hocky type
 of game ayed with a hrad
 wood

odilo [òdìlò] *noun*
 1 ball
 2 football
 3 football game, match
 ALSO *mùpírà*
odin [òdìn] *adverb*
 (of a homestead) not well
 kept; overgrown
odini [òdíní] *noun*
 leach
oding [òdíjing] *noun* (of a person) stubborn, obstinate
oding ding [òdíjing díjing] *noun*
 nasal bleeding
oding [òdíjing] *noun*
 trap for catching smaller animals like squirrels
odir [òdìr] *noun*
 insect species, cricket
odoco [òddoccó] *adverb*
 again
ododo [òddoddó] *noun*
 1 story
 2 fable, fairy tales
odok [òdók] *noun*
 glue, resin
odo [òdóò] *noun*
 1 stick
 2 walking stick
odugu [òdùgú] *noun*
 a hard wood for firewood
oduka [oduка] *noun*
 a rodent of the squirrel family
odur [òdúúr] *noun*
 garbage place
oduru [òdúrúù] *noun*
 1 an alarm
 2 raising the alarm

oduro [òdúróò] *noun*
 (of an animal) pregnant
 ALSO *dúróò*
oduru [òdúró] *noun*
 a fig like tree with edible yellow fruits
odu [òdúú] *noun*
 the succulent pulp of shea butter; pulp
odu [òdúú] *noun*
 (of potato or groundnuts) poorly developed
odwel [òdwéèl] *noun*
 animal hide, especially one used for sleeping on
odwong [òdwòòng] *noun*
 a tree species used for furniture
odyer [òdyéér] *noun*
 an animal skin worn for a dance by boys
odyek [òdyéék] *noun*
 hyena
 ALSO *làlúúr*
ogaa [ògáá] *noun*
 water from washing the strainer usually poured back into the beer pot
ogali [ògálí] *noun*
 a big tree
ogele [ògélé] *noun*
 a young bull
ogik [ògìik] *noun*
 hiccup
 ALSO *gìik*
ogil [ògíil] *noun*
 civet cat
 ALSO *gìlìri*
ogilo [ògíló] *noun*
 a bird species

ogo [ògó] *noun*
 yam
 ALSO *òbátóò*
ogodo [ògódó] *noun*
 a kind of female dance
ogodo [ògòdó] *noun*
 wax
ogom [ògòòm] *adjective*
 bent
ogong [ògòng] *noun*
 fowl pen
ogore [ògórè] *noun*
 crab
ogoro [ògòrò] *noun*
 a bird species; heroin
oguro [ògùrò] *noun*
 gizzard
ogwa [ògwáá] *noun*
 a basket used for fishing
ogwal [ògwààl] *noun*
 frog
ogwang [ògwààng] *noun*
 generic for the smaller cat family
ogwil [ògwììl] *noun*
 a rope for tying goats
ogwit [ògwìit] *noun*
 clitoris
oja [òjáá] *noun*
 a tuberous plant with a glue yielding sap
oja [òjáá] *noun*
 a tree species with good fibres for rope
ojang [òjááng] *noun*
 a beelike insect which produces honey, usually in trees found
ojee [òjéé] *noun*
 a termite species

ojede [òjédé] *noun*
 young locusts
oji [òjíí] *noun*
 grief, dejection
ojiga [òjìgá] *noun*
 mane
ojoga [òjògá] *noun*
 related to hunger, stomach grumbling
ojul [òjùl] *noun*
 waxbills
ojul [òjúúl] *noun*
 creeping plant, which causes irritation
ojuu [òjúú] *noun*
 small flies found on fruits
ojwe [òjwéé] *noun*
 footprint
ojwiny dyang [òjwíny dyààng] *noun*
 widow bird
okado [òkàddó] *noun*
 sunbird
okak [òkààk] *noun*
 a tree with edible fruits
okang [òkáàng] *noun*
 barren
okango [òkángò] *noun*
 a tree
okaar [òkáàr] *noun*
 a Y shaped tree
okego [òkégóò] *noun*
 phlegm
okele [òkélé] *noun*
 secretion of skunk or civet cat

oken [òkéēn] *noun*
 a professional hunter
okelo [òkèlò] *noun*
 kraal
okelu [òkélú] *noun*
 an outpost, a camp
okengo [òkéngò] *noun*
 grass species
okerø [òkèrò] *noun*
 a kraal for goat and sheep
okeyo [òkéyò] *noun*
 son of your sister; new-phew
okeya [òkéyá] *noun*
 my nephew
okito [òkitò] *noun*
 placenta
okoc [òkòc] *noun*
 a bull that is past its best by day
okoco [òkòcò] *noun*
 a small tortoise shell used as an ornament
okodo [òkòdò] *noun*
 ticks
okok [òkòk] *noun*
 fish with pointed fins
okok [òkòdò] *noun*
 worker termite
okok [òkòk] *noun*
 bird species, egret
okokori [òkòkòrì] *noun*
 tree ants
okol [òkóòl] *noun*
 clog tied to a prisoners leg
okolok [òkòlòdò] *noun*
 millipede
 ALSO òkòlòng
okom [òkòdm] *noun*
 tree trunk

okono [òkónò] *noun*
 pumpkin
okong [òkóóng] *adjective*
 oblong
okong [òkòòng] *noun*
 pangolin
okongo [òkóngò] *noun*
 a bird of the raven family
okoro [òkórò] *noun*
 snail
okoro [òkòró] *noun*
 cartilage
okuba [òkùbá] *noun*
 winged termites which come out around 7pm
okuk [òkúyk] *noun*
 coccyx
okuma [òkùmá] *noun*
 black water tortoise
okuro [òkùrò] *noun*
 puppy
okuto [òkútòò] *noun*
 thorn
okwac [òkwáác] *noun*
 a bird believed to warn humans of danger
 ALSO òkwácá
okwateng [òkwátéèng] *noun*
 eagle
okwer [òkwéér] *noun*
 yellow cucumber like edible plant
okwik [òkwíík] *noun*
 a bird that feeds on cows picking ticks; ox-pecker
okwil [òkwííl] *noun*
 a kind of cartepillar
okwodo [òkwódò] *noun*
 ticks
 ALSO òkódò

olam [òláám] *noun*
 fig tree
olang [òlááng] *noun*
 bell
olany [òláñy] *noun*
 grasshopper
olek [òléék] *noun*
 a walking stick
olel [òlél] *noun*
 sauce with simsim or ground-nut paste
olem [òléém] *noun*
 hornless cow
 ALSO lálám
olemo [òlémò] *noun*
 a tree with an edble fruits
iolet [òléít] *noun*
 pasture
oli [òlí] *noun*
 a kind of tomato
olik [òlíík] *noun*
 bat
oliko [òlíkòò] *noun*
 whistle made from an animal horn
olim [òlíím] *noun*
 a big tree
olo [òllò] *noun*
 tiredness
ologi [ologí] *noun*
 a creeping plant with poisonous fruit
ologo [òlgó] *noun*
 bladder
 ALSO òlögó láác
olok [òlóqòk] *noun*
 wild grapes
olokoro [òlókórò] *noun*
 trachea
 ALSO òlúkórò

oloto [òlótó] *noun*
 stick
oluma [òlümá] *noun*
 (of people) very important persons
oluri [oluri] *noun*
 bird of prey
olut [òlùt] *noun*
 walking stick
òlútá kwòòn ladle
oluto [òlútò] *adjective*
 (of a stick) without the knob
olu [òlú] *adjective*
 blunt, not sharp.
olwa [òlwáà] *noun*
 tree, African oak tree
olwedo [òlwèddò] *noun*
 a tree, twigs or leaves used for traditional blessing
olwet [òlwéét] *noun*
 a bugle
 ALSO bùrújí
olwinyo [òlwìnyò] *noun*
 1 hookworm
 2 threadworm
olwiro [òlwírò] *noun*
 a snake that strokes rather than bite
 ALSO twòòl òlwírò
olwit [òlwít] *noun*
 bird of prey species
omak wic [òmáák wìjç] *noun*
 a plant with seeds that stick on to clothing
omal [òmáàl] *adjective*
 (of a person) lost, vagabond
omar [òmáár] *noun*
 fresh grass that grows up after first burning

omara [òmárrā] *noun*
 1 my beloved, loved one
 2 my cousin
omat [òmáát] *noun*
 fondness for a thing usually newly acquired
omera [òmérrà] *noun*
 1 my brother
 2 may also be used in the sense of friend, acquitant
omel [òmélèl] *noun*
 a fish normally found in small rivers and lagoons
omen [òméén] *noun*
 cud
omen [òméén] *noun*
 coffee
 ALSO býún
omiya [òmìyá] *noun*
 a kind of fly that causes filariasis
omo [òmmò] *verb*
 fetch, bring
omungi kiyata [òmúngí kiyátà] *noun*
 potatoes planted at the end of the rainy season
omuya [òmùyá] *noun*
 a bird species; starling
omwom bye [òmwóóm byè] *noun*
 a creeping plant on an anthill
onang melo [ònááng méló] *noun*
 a gecko
one yat [ònéé yààt] *noun*
 (descriptive name for) squirrel
 ALSO àyítà
ongaru [òngàrà] *noun*
 praise name for leopard; pard

ongera [òngèrà] *noun*
 a grivet monkey
ongom [òngòm] *noun*
 code rights as laid down traditionally
ongo [òngóò] *noun*
 grass patched preserved or left from burning or cultivation
ongot togo [òngóót tógóò] *noun*
 otter
ongwek [òngwéèk] *noun*
 finger ring
oony [òöny] *verb*
 1 pour
 2 (of sugar) put in tea
ónnyèè can be poured
ónnyò pouring
 ALSO òò
onyo [ònyò] *preposition*
 now, at this time
 ALSO ònyònì
onyu [ònyúú] *noun*
 a little baby
oo [òò] *verb*
 1 (to) arrive
 2 (to) reach
 òò gààng she reached home
 òò gààng make sure you reach home
 òò gààng reaching home
 òò gààng will reach home
oo [òò] *noun*
 arrival, reaching
oo [òò] *verb*
 (to) pour, pour out
 ALSO òöny
 òò pour out
 òönyò pouring

oo [òò] *verb*
 (to) fall down, disappear in numbers
oo [òò] *verb*
 bask, warm self
 òò mààc warm yourself by the fire
 òyyò basking in the sun or by fire
oko [òkò] *noun*
 taro
ono [ònnò] *verb*
 to cough
ono [ónnóò] *noun*
 coughing
opac [òpààc] *noun*
 cannot listen to advice
opal [òpààl] *noun*
 an oyster shell
opam [òpààm] *noun*
 a block of wood for threshing millet
opany [òpààny] *noun*
 1 palm
 2 sole of foot
opego [òpégò] *noun*
 pig
openo [òpénóò] *noun*
 a bird species
opi [òpíí] *noun*
 slave
opilo [òpílò] *noun*
 a stick used for digging potatoes or cassava
opiro [òpírò] *noun*
 1 a large leather bag
 2 a child covered in membrane of birth
 3 a kind of grass

opit [òpít] *noun*
 a reed that can be used as straw for sucking
opit [òpít] *noun*
 an intelligent person, enterprising person
opobo [òpóbó] *noun*
 a tree with good rods used very much for building and sometimes as sticks for beating people
opok [òpópók] *noun*
 a hard tree used for building
opoko [òpókóò] *noun*
 an empty and dried gourd
opol [òpòdò] *noun*
 boat oar
opolok [òpòlók] *noun*
 a shrub
opuk [òpúùk] *noun*
 tortoise
opuny [òpúúny] *noun*
 heel
oput [òpùùt] *noun*
 1 a tree with bark and roots used as medicine for malaria
 2 drunk as a sign of reconciliation
opuyu [òpùyyü] *noun*
 black soild used for smearing floor
opyen [òpyèèn] *noun*
 spider
 ALSO òbwórópyèèn
or [òòr] *verb*
 (to) send
 òrrò sending
or [òòr] *noun*

errand
órró errand
or [òör] *verb*
 remove
or [òɔr] *noun*
 the husband of a sister—
 brother in law
òrrā my brother in law
òrrī your brother in law
ora [òrá] *noun*
 depression in a county, val-
 ley
ora [órá] *noun*
 long grass used for thatch-
 ing
orada [òrádā] *adverb*
 of sunheat extreme
orak [òráák] *noun*
 youth courtship dance
 ALSO **làràkà** **rákà**
oran [òráán] *noun*
 failure to grow, thrive, pros-
 per
ore [òréè] *noun*
 joke, fun, jest
oree [òréé] *noun*
 an epidemic of infectious
 diseases
oro [òróð] *noun*
 dry season
orobo [òróbó] *noun*
 strong, vigorous
oroc twol [òróóc twòð] *noun*
 shaded skin of a snake
orok [òróók] *noun*
 trap for rats
orok [òrók] *noun*
 hoes with pointed end tied
 on a shaft

oro [òrrò] *noun*
 sending, delegating
ororo [òròrò] *noun*
 spittle snake
orudi [òrúðí] *noun*
 wild dog
oruta [òrútâ] *noun*
 loin clothing
 ALSO **càràmà**
oruta [òrútâ] *noun*
 a girl who has a child be-
 fore marriage while still
 with the parents
orwo [òrwòð] *noun*
 thirst
orwo [orwoo] *noun*
 a shrub used for making
 beehives
orwo [òrwóð] *noun*
 the day after, the follow-
 ing day
orya [òryáá] *interjection*
 let us do it now
oryang [oryang] *noun*
 a tree with roots as medicine
 for malaria
ot [òt] *noun*
 house
 PLU **òdí**
otac [òtác] *noun*
 a head rest used to sup-
 port head luggage
otaci [òtácí] *noun*
 gonorrhoea
otaka [òtákò] *noun*
 earthen baths especially for
 babies
otara [òtárâ] *adjective*
 white people
 ALSO **mùnì**

oteka [òtèkâ] *noun*
 a brave person
otetel [òtéétél] *noun*
 woodpecker
otigo [òtígôð] *noun*
 finger lady, okra
otiko [òtíkòð] *noun*
 beads
 ALSO **tíkóð**
otini [òtíní] *noun*
 a rope trap for animals
otini [òtíní] *noun*
 a tree species with small
 seeds
otira [òtírá] *noun*
 earhquake
otir ngor [òtíír ngóðòr] *noun*
 king fisher
otit [òtíít] *noun*
 firefly, glow worm
otit [òtíít] *noun*
 palm tree
otogo [òtógóð] *noun*
 1 a hut for youth
 2 temporary hut for a sick
 person
otok [òtók] *noun*
 a clothing made out of grass
otol [òtòðl] *noun*
 reed rat
otole [òtòlè] *noun*
 war dance
otole [òtòlé] *noun*
 swellings of the body
oton [òtòðn] *noun*
 scorpion
otong tong [òtòng tóng] *noun*
 1 tsetse fly
 2 derogative reference to
 the Lord's Resistance Army
 owing to their mutilation
 of victims
otul [òtúúl] *noun*
 drain, culvert, gutter
otwang [òtwááng] *noun*
 a big fish
otweng [òtwééng] *noun*
 elbow
 ALSO **lògùlè**
otwilo [òtwílò] *noun*
 a kind of thorny grass
otwol kot [òtwógl kòðt] *noun*
 earthworm
otwong kongo [òtwóóng kòngò]
noun
 a small guord
 ALSO **òtwááng kòngò**
otwongo [òtwóngóð] *noun*
 grasshopper
otyeno [òtyéénò] *noun*
 in the evening
owaca [òwáccâ] *noun*
 not juice; too watery
owango [òwángò] *noun*
 bird species; saddle billed
 stork
owelu [òwélu] *noun*
 crested crane
owic [òwíc] *noun*
 small string trap for rats
owiir pii [òwíír pìì] *noun*
 water spider
owor [òwóðr] *noun*
 glutton, greed
oyaa [òyáá] *interjection*
 exclamation of surprise
oyado [òyàdòð] *noun*
 a plant, used for brushing
 teeth

oyala [òyálá] *noun*
 a winged termite species
oyeng yeng [òyèèng yééng]
noun
 earthquake
oyer [òyèèr] *noun*
 plant with edible bulb
oyima [òyìmá] *noun*
 big black caterpillar
oyo [òyyò] *verb*
 1 to warm the self
 2 to bask in the sun or near fire
oyo [òyóò] *noun*
 rat
oyo [òyyò] *verb*
 1 (to) pour
 2 (to) water
 3 (to) empty a container
 òyyò ic aborting
oyolo [òyòlò] *noun*
 a kind of beads
oyoro [òyòrò] *noun*
 a tree that can be made into horn
oyoro [òyòrò] *noun*
 mane, long hair
oyot [òyòt] *adverb*
 quickly
 ALSO òyót òyòt
oywec [òywééc] *noun*
 broom
oywello [òywélló] *noun*
 a huge tree with an edible black fruit; black plum

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pa [pà] *preposition*
 descendants of
pa [pà] *prefix*
 belonging to; of a clan
paa [pàā] *verb*
 (of carpentry) to curve or make a thing
pac [páác] *noun*
 1 carpentry, woodworking
 2 joinery
 3 carving
pac [páác] *noun*
 iron (for clothes)
pac [pààc] *verb*
 (of feet) to scald because of heat
paco [pàccó] *noun*
 pinching polenta with the hand
paco [pàccó] *noun*
 home
pad [pààd] *verb*
 (to) mould, knead clay etc
pade [páddéè] *verb*
 can be kneaded, moulded
pàddò kneading
padi [pádì] *noun*
 priest, especially in the Catholic Church
 ITA *padre*
pado [pàdò] *noun*
 fragments
pado [pàdò] *verb*
 kneading
pagi [pàgì] *noun*
 the central pole supporting a hut

paipai [pàì páí] *noun*
 pawpaw, payapaya
paipo [páípò] *noun*
 pipe (of water etc) (ENG)
pak [pàák] *verb*
 1 (to) praise
 2 (to) flatter
pak [páák] *noun*
 praising, flattering
pak [pàák] *verb*
 (to) sharpen
pákkèè can be sharpened
pàkkò sharpening
pak [páák] *noun*
 sharpening
pal [pààl] *verb*
 to become emaciated
pal [pààl] *verb*
 slap
pala [pálá] *noun*
 ochre
pàlà *noun*
 knife
pal cwiny [pààl cwííny] *noun*
 upper part of the abdomen
pal gwok [pààl gwòòk] *noun*
 shoulder
pali [pálí] *noun*
 pair of shorts
pale [pálléè] *verb*
 being elusive
palo [pàllò] *verb*
 to slap
palo [pàllò] *verb*
 of sun to blind
pam [pààm] *noun*
 molar tooth
pam [pààm] *verb*
 plaster, smear

pama [pámà] *noun*
 cotton
 ALSO **pámbà**
 SWA *pamba*
pamo [pàmmò] *verb*
 to add, pile
pan [pààn] *noun*
 carpentry, woodworking
pan [pààn] *verb*
 (to) hide, conceal
pánnèè can be hidden
pànnò hiding
pano [pànnò] *verb*
 hiding, concealing
pang [pàäng] *verb*
 (to) hire a car etc
pang [pàäng] *verb*
 divert the attention, direction of
pánngèè can be diverted
pànnò diverting
pango [pànnò] *verb*
 1 hiring
 2 diverting
pany [pàny] *noun*
 mortar
par [pàär] *verb*
 to think about, reflect onoun
par [páár] *noun*
 thoughts, reflection on an issue
parat [pàràt] *noun*
 an ornamental axe
 ALSO **lùkíle**
paro [pàrrò] *verb*
 thinking, mediating
pat [pààt] *adjective*
 different, separate
patpat [pààt pààt] *adverb*
 separately, differently

pata [pàtà] *noun*
a drying ground for millet

pata [pátà] *noun*
door hinges

paya [pàyá] *noun*
a dry water bed

payi payi [pàyì páyì] *noun*
pawpaw

payo [pàyyò] *verb*
trimming, sculpturing, carving

pe [pé] *adjective, adverb*
1 not present; absent
2 having none; without
3 not
pé kùmènò not like that

pee [pèè] *verb*
ice, hailstone, snow

pee [pèè] *verb*
1 drag along, pull
2 lead an infirm

peca [pécà] *noun*
money
SWA *pesa*

ALSO *céntè*

pek [péèk] *adjective*
1 heavy
2 thick
3 pregnant

peke [pèké] *noun*
victual for a person travelling

pele [pèllè] *adjective*
restless
lèpèllè mádá really restless

pem [pèèm] *noun*
bridge

pen [pèèn] *noun*
navel

peny [péény] *noun*
1 examination
2 question
3 enquiry

peny [pèëny] *verb*
ask, enquire
pénnyè can be asked
pènnýò asking, enquiring

pep [péép] *adverb*
to suddenly appear

per [péér] *adverb*
talk too much

pero [pèrò] *noun*
platform for drying maize

pere [pèrrè] *verb*
(of the ears) to stand out

pet [pèèt] *verb*
1 to unfold, spread, lay down sleeping stuff
2 to cover a thing
péttè can be spread
pèttò spreading

peto [pèttò] *verb*
spreading sleeping things

peyo [pèyyò] *verb*
dragging, pulling, leading

pi [pi] *preposition*
because (of); why
pì ngò because of, why
pì én because...

pi [pi] *verb*
stir, mix into

pi [pi] *noun*
water

pi [pi] *verb*
instigate, incite

pic [píic] *verb*
investigation, incitement

pid [piid] *verb*
plead

pìddè can be pleaded
pìddò pleading

pida [pídà] *noun*
Corruption of PWD- Public Works Department (ENG)

pig [píig] *noun*
water of; juice of

píig dék soup

píig wààng tears

pik [píik] *verb*
(to) fill up

pikipiki [píkipíki] *noun*
motorbike

piko [píkkò] *noun*
filling up

pil [piìl] *verb*
honour, respect

pil [pííl] *adverb*
(of a spear etc) to pierce through to the other side

pil [pííl] *verb*
(of children) to become big headed, to be spoiled.

pile [pílléè] *verb*
emerge on the other side

pim [píím] *adverb*
of a thing filled to the brim
òpòng ní bíím completely full

pim [piím] *verb*
1 measure
2 weigh
3 estimate

pímmè can be measured, weighed, estimated, aimed at.

pímmò weighing, measuring, estimating, aiming at

pim [piím] *verb*
(of a target) aim at to shoot

pino [pìnò] *noun*
hornet, wasps

piny [píiny] *adverb*
down, under
bèèd píiny sit down

piny [píiny] *noun*
1 weather
2 climate
3 state of the day

píiny órrù it has dawned

píiny dyáàk it is wet

pipa [pípà] *noun*
barrel
SWA *pipa*

pir [piír] *adverb*
rash saying

pir [piír] *verb*
conspire, plot against

pir [piír] *verb*
fill up

pir [piír] *verb*
make fire by rubbing wood

pit [piít] *verb*
1 to feed
2 to bring up
piít kí cák feed her on milk

pit [pìit] *noun*
1 planting
2 bringing up a person
3 feeding a person

pit [piít] *verb*
1 (to) plant
2 (to) cultivate
piít lèbòlò plant bananas

pítte can be planted

pittò planting

piti [pítí] *noun*
waste heap

pito [píttò] *noun*
planting

pito [pìttò] *noun*
bringing up a child or a person

pitu [pìttú] *verb*
to have matured

piyo [piyyò] *verb*
persuading, urging, inciting

piyo [piyyò] *verb*
1 drilling
2 stirring with a ladle

pogo [pògò] *noun*
ivory armlet

poi [póí] *noun*
youth

pok [pòðk] *noun*
(of a road) too broad

pok [póók] *noun*
1 bark of a tree
2 fish scales
3 groundnut shells

pok [pòðk] *verb*
removing the bark, husking, shelling

pok [pòðk] *verb*
1 divide up
2 separate
3 distribute

pókkèè can be divided up, separated

pòkkò dividing up, separating

poko [pòkkò] *noun*
separating, dividing, splitting up

pol [pòðl] *adjective*
many, numerous

pol [pòðl] *noun*
clouds

polic [pòlífic] *noun*
police (ENG)
ALSO àbìlñí

polo [pòló] *noun*
1 sky
2 heaven

pong [pòðng] *verb*
(to) fill

pong [pòng] *noun*
of a girl grown up; mature

ponge [pònggèè] *verb*
pretending

pony [póny] *noun*
a small hole, openong

poo [pòð] *verb*
1 remind
2 remember

poo [pòð] *verb*
startle

poo [pòð] *verb*
(to) become mad

poor [pòðr] *verb*
to elope

poor [pòðr] *verb*
1 measure
2 weigh
3 try
4 imitate

pórrèè can be tried, measured, weighed

pòrrò measuring, weighing, trying

pore [pòrréè] *verb*
to be fit for a purpose

poro [pòrrò] *noun*
elopement

pot [póót] *noun*
1 leaf
2 pod, sheaf, shell

pot [pòðt] *verb*
1 (to) fall
2 (of a thing) to drop

poto [pòttò] *verb*
1 falling
2 dropping
3 (of the sun) to set
4 (of war) to break out

poyo [pòyyò] *verb*
reminding

poyo [pòyyò] *verb*
startling, frightening

poyo [pòyyò] *noun*
scar

puu [pùü] *verb*
1 (of a mud house) to smear inner room
2 (of a mud compound) to smear

pùnnèè can be smeared

pùyyò smearing

puc [pùüc] *noun*
wart

puc [pùüc] *noun*
cat
ALSO bùràà

puc [pùüc] *noun*
1 tendon
2 fillet

pud [pùüd] *verb*
(of bread, potato etc) to take or break a small bit

pud [pùüd] *adverb*
not yet, still

pugu [pùggù] *verb*
(of a child being weaned)

put [pùü] *verb*
put on weight
ALSO pùgñí

puk [pùük] *verb*

rising up early in the morning to do a thing

pul [púúl] *noun*
groundnuts

pun [púún] *noun*
calf

pun coo [púún còò] *adverb*
(of meat) not softly cooked

pundi [púndì] *noun*
artisan; taylor, carpenter, builder
SWA fundì

puno [púnóó] *noun*
pig
ALSO òpégò

puno [pùnnò] *verb*
cheating

punu [pùnù] *noun*
animal lick
ALSO pùndò

puny [púúny] *noun*
heel
ALSO òpúúny

puny [púúny] *noun*
hoe handle

pur [pùür] *verb*
(to) dig, cultivate

púrrèè can be cultivated

pùrrò cultivating

pura [púrá] *noun*
hartebeest, wildebeest

put [púút] *noun*
malnourished

put [pùüt] *verb*
uproot, pull out

pwac [pwàäc] *verb*
bruising the leg etc

pwod [pwòðd] *verb*
1 (to) beat
2 (to) punish

3 (of rain) to beat a thing
pwóddè can be punished, beaten
pwóddò punishing, beating
pwod [pwóód] *noun*
 1 punishment
 2 beating
pwo [pwóō] *verb*
 give thanks
pwóyyò thanking
pwo [pwóō] *it verb*
 (of milk) to churn
pwoc [pwóóc] *noun*
 1 thanking, thankfulness
 2 gratitude, appreciation
pwor [pwóōr] *verb*
 (to) sprinkle
pwórèè can be sprinkled
pwòrrò sprinkling
pworo [pwòrrò] *noun*
 sprinkling
pwot [pwóòt] *adjective*
 1 slippery, slimy
 2 smooth
 3 fine, refined
pwoyo [pwóyyò] *noun*
 thanking, appreciating
pye [pyèë] *verb*
 1 (to) jump
 2 hop, skip
 3 (of a bird) to perch
 4 (of a plane) to land
pyèë píny jump down
pye [pyèë] *noun*
 jumping
pyed [pyèëd] *noun*
 improper behaviour
pyel [pyèël] *verb*
 to lay down, spread

pyéllè can be spread
pyèllò laying down
pyel [pyèél] *verb*
 defecate
pyèllò defecating
pyelo [pyèllò] *noun*
 defecating
pyelo [pyèllò] *noun*
 spreading sleeping things
pyem [pyèém] *verb*
 compete, contest
pyem [pyèém] *noun*
 competition, contest
pyèmmò contesting, protest-ing, objecting
pyemo [pyèmmò] *noun*
 contesting, competing
pyen [pyèèn] *noun*
 hide, skin
pyer [pyèèr] *noun*
 waist
pyer [pyèèr] *noun*
 tens, in counting
pyet [pyèët] *verb*
 (to) winnow
pyéttèè can be winnowed
pyèttò winnowing
pyete [pyèttéè] *verb*
 yearning to have or eat
pyeto [pyèttò] *noun*
 winnowing

R r

raa [ràà] *noun*
 hippopotamus
raa [ráá] *noun*
 bulrush; durrah

raa [ráá] *noun*
 what is left of scorched grass
CFR lyèè
raa [ràà] *verb*
 (to) collect, gather
tyéè kà ràà yéén she is collecting firewood
ráánnèè can be collected
rab [ràāb] *verb*
 circumnavigate, go around
raba [ràbà] *adverb*
 manner of sitting, lying down
 indicating exhaustion
ràbbéè going around
rabo [ràbbò] *verb*
 1 flanked
 2 going along a river
rac [rààc] *adjective*
 1 bad, evil
 2 (of a person) excellent at a thing
racac [ràcààc] *noun*
 bullet
rad [rààd] *verb*
 1 to throw carelessly in no particular way
 2 to kill
rààd wééng throw, kill all
ráddèè can be thrown
ràddò throwing mud at a house
rag [ràäg] *verb*
 to make roughly, hastily
ràäg àdúkú to hastily make a container
rage [ràggéè] *verb*
 impose especially the self upon others
ràggò imposing the self
rege [réégè] *noun*
 ribs
reno [rènnò] *verb*
 to condone what a person is doing, usually a bad thing
rénggè *noun*
 colour
 ALSO **ránngì**, **bùyè**, **kàlà**
rep [rèèp] *adjective*
 1 too watery; not thick enough
 2 light, transparent; not opaque
 3 (of a person) unable to keep a secret
dóggé rèèp she can't keep a secret
ret [rèët] *verb*
 (to) wrestle a person; throw a person down
rèët píny throw him down
reet [réét] *noun*
 wound, injury
rete [rèttéè] *verb*
 wrestling
rèttò throwing down
reto [rèttò] *noun*
 throwing down, wrestling down
reyo [rèyyò] *verb*
 smearing
reyo [rèyyò] *verb*
 to blame others, implicate them
rib [rìib] *verb*
 1 to join, unite, add
 2 bring together; reconcile
 3 bring together; marriage, matrimony
rìbbéè coming together, reconciling, uniting

ric [rīč] *verb*
 to urge, especially a worker,
 drive forward harder
ric [rīč] *verb*
 the knotting of a rope
rid [rīd] *verb*
 to insist on a point of view
rid [rīd] *verb*
 to push, force into
riid tyēnī i wāar force your
 feet into the shoes
riddéè pushing by force
 into
riddò persisiting
rido [riddò] *verb*
 tying
rido [rídò] *noun*
 dry twigs
rii [rīj] *noun*
 giraffe
rii [rīj] *verb*
 1 stay for far too long; over-
 stay
 2 spend time
rii [rīj] *verb*
 to tie
rii [rīj] *verb*
 coil the self
rii [rīj] *verb*
 1 put across
 2 obstruct
rīj yāat i yōò obstruct the
 road with a plank
riik [rīk] *verb*
 overfill, fill up
rik [rīk] *adverb*
 long time ago. in the past
rim [rīm] *adverb*
 to be full of things

ring [rīng] *verb*
 run; run away from
rīngò racing, running
ringo [rīngó] *noun*
 meat
ringo [rīngò] *verb*
 running, feeling, racing
rit [rīt] *adverb*
 far off
rīt còòn a long time ago
rit [rīt] *verb*
 to spurt far off
rit [rīt] *noun*
 tonsillitis
rito [rīttò] *noun*
 (of a razor) to to cut sharply
riu [rīu] *adverb*
 (of a thing) passing quickly
 rapidly, fleetingly
riyo [rīyyò] *verb*
 place across, straddle
robo [rōbbò] *verb*
 makes the body to peel
robo [rōbbò] *verb*
 to instigate, agitate
roc [rōōc] *verb*
 (to) spoil
rōccèè can be ruined
rōccò spoiling, ruining, cor-
 rupting
roc [rōć] *noun*
 1 mistake
 2 ruining, spoiling
roc [rōōc] *verb*
 renovate
rōccèè can be renovated
rōccò renovating
rod [rōōd] *verb*
 pile
rōddéè can be piled up

rok [rōòk] *noun*
 race, tribe
rok [rōòk] *verb*
 hollow out
rōkkèè can be hollowed
rōkkò hollowing; excavat-
 ing; push stick into a hole
roko [rōkkò] *verb*
 instigate
roko [rōkkò] *verb*
 1 stab over and over
 2 poke
rom [rōóm] *adjective*
 equal, same
rome [rōmméè] *verb*
 meeting
romo [rōmmò] *noun*
 running into each other un-
 expectedly; meeting
romo [rōmmò] *adjective*
 1 enough, sufficient
 2 fit for, suitable for
romo [rōmóò] *noun*
 sheep
rony [rōony] *verb*
 make fun of
ronye [rōnnyeè] *verb*
 making fun of
roo [rōō] *verb*
 insert
rōnnéè can be inserted
roo [rōō] *verb*
 to roast, grill
rōnnéè can be inserted
rot [rōōt] *verb*
 trace, track; look for
rōttéè can be tracked
rōttò tracking
royo [rōyyò] *verb*
 burn to clear a ground

royo [rōyyò] *verb*
 insertion
rub [rūūb] *verb*
 1 (of liquid) mix, stir
 2 mix up
rūbbéè can be mixed
rūbbò mixing, stirring
rubia [rūbià] *noun*
 money
 ENG rupee
rubuku [rūbùkù] *adverb*
 sound made by collapsing
 of a structure
ruc [rūūc] *verb*
 to hurry
ruc [rúúc] *noun*
 rice (ENG)
 ALSO **mūcélè**
ruc [rūūc] *verb*
 rub out, wipe clean, erase
rūūc cōōc wókō rub out the
 writing
rúccéè can be wiped off
rúccù wiping off
rucu [rūccù] *noun*
 erasing, wiping
rud [rūūd] *verb*
 scrub
ruda [rūdà] *noun*
 bushbuck
ruk [rūūk] *noun*
 attire, dressing
ruk [rūūk] *verb*
 put on shoes, clothing etc
rūkkéè dressing up
rūkkò dressing
ruk [rūūk] *verb*
 stir, poke the fire
rukca [rúkcà] *noun*
 permission

ruko [rùkkò] *noun*
 putting on; dressing
rum [rùñum] *verb*
 (to) surround
rum [rùñum] *verb*
 (to) kneel
rumo [rùmmò] *verb*
 1 kneeling
 2 surrounding
rung [rùñng] *noun*
 wrinkle, crease
rut [rùñt] *verb*
 pierce the ears
rut [rùñt] *verb*
 instigate
rut [rùñt] *noun*
 twins
 ALSO rúdññ
ruto [rùttò] *verb*
 1 sewing
 2 instigating
 3 piercing
ruu [rùñ] *verb*
 urge, hurry
rud [rùñ] *noun*
 dawn
rwac [rwàac] *verb*
 throw
rwàccéē falling
rwàccò throwing
rwaco [rwàccò] *noun*
 throwing
rwad [rwàad] *verb*
 plaster
rwak [rwàak] *verb*
 1 (to) insert
 2 (to) enlist admit into
rwàkkèē inserting, inserting

rwàkkò enlistment, insertion
rwako [rwàkkò] *noun*
 enlistment, insertion
rwang [rwàäng] *verb*
 crumple, crease
rwánngèè can be creased
rwànngò creasing
rwany [rwàäny] *verb*
 turn inside out
rwányèè can be turned inside out
rwànnýò turning inside out
rwàät *verb*
 plaster
rwate [rwàttéé] *verb*
 to meet, meeting
rwato [rwàttò] *verb*
 plastering a house
rwee [rwéé] *adjective*
 hoarse
rwe [rwéé] *verb*
 stretch, manipulate, message
rwénnèè can be stretched
rwe [rwéé] *verb*
 (of clothes) to iron
rwene [rwénnéé] *verb*
 going out for a walk, stretching the legs
rweny [rwéñny] *verb*
 1 to get lost
 2 to forget
 3 to lose
rweny [rwéñny] *noun*
 1 getting lost
 2 forgetting
rwenyo [rwènnýò] *verb*
 1 loosing
 2 forgetting

rweyo [rwèyyò] *verb*
 summoning people for a hunting expedition
rweyo [rwèyyò] *verb*
 smoothing over; ironing
rwic [rwíic] *verb*
 crush
rwid [rwíid] *verb*
 (to) tie
rwo [rwòò] *verb*
 (to) give up
rwom [rwóóm] *noun*
 1 ladder
 2 position
 3 rank
rwot [rwòòt] *noun*
 chief, king, lord
ryal [ryàál] *noun*
 a tin of aluminium
ryang [ryáñg] *verb*
 frighten
ryany [ryàäny] *verb*
 (of polenta) make a big portion
ryeb [ryèëb] *verb*
 turn upside down
rye [ryèë] *verb*
 (to) line up
ryénnèè can be lined up
ryek [ryèëk] *adjective*
 clever, wise
ryek [ryèëk] *verb*
 cut open
ryeko [ryéékkòò] *noun*
 being smart, clever, cleverness
ryem [ryèëm] *verb*
 run after; chase
ryèmmò chasing

ryemo [ryèmmò] *noun*
 running after; chasing
ryeny [ryèëny] *verb*
 to shine
ryeny [ryéény] *adjective*
 shiny
ryeyo [ryèyò] *verb*
 lining up, assembling

T t

taa [táà] *noun*
 tobacco, cigarette
 ALSO tábà, túbà
taa [tää] *verb*
 (to) overpower, overcome, defeat
tàā én defeat him
tac [tääc] *noun*
 1 hip
 2 pocket
tad [táád] *verb*
 defeating, winning
tag [tääg] *verb*
 (of water in a pot) to swirl
tak [tääk] *verb*
 (to) scoop from the top a bit
tak [tääk] *verb*
 (to) have a spell removed; exorcise
tako [tákò] *noun*
 spleen
tal [tääl] *verb*
 (of meat, fish) to smoke dry
tääl rééc smoke dry the fish

tal [tàāl] *verb*
 (to) cast a spell on
látáál a witch

tal [tààl] *adjective*
 balding of the head

tal [tààl] *noun*
 a pole for fixing nets

talo [tàllò] *noun*
 smoke drying fish, meat

talo [tàllò] *noun*
 bewitching

tam [tàām] *verb*
 1 (to) think
 2 (to) consider, ponder

tam [táám] *noun*
 1 thoughts
 2 considerations
 3 deliberations

tam [tààm] *adverb*
 describes the largeness of
 a thing
láác ní tààm expansively large

tamo [tàmmò] *verb*
 1 thinking, pondering
 2 bothering
 3 deliberating, considering

tang [tàāng] *verb*
 (to) divert, especially the
 attention of a child
tàāng wíyyè divert the at-
 tention

tang [tááng] *adverb*
 (modifies) how a thing is
 stuck
ðmòkò ní tááng it is firmly
 stuck

tang [tàāng] *adverb*
 (of a child) who shows no
 respect to elders

tanga [tángá] *noun*
 sprinkling of water or con-
 totion as blessing

tangauji [tànggàújì] *noun*
 ginger

tange [tánggèè] *verb*
 (of especially attention) can
 be diverted

tango [tàngò] *verb*
 (to) outstretch hand in a
 begging posture
tàngò cíng outstretching the
 hand

tango [tángó] *noun*
 1 miracle
 2 wonders
 3 mystery

tany [tàāny] *verb*
 1 to rage
 2 to increase in magnitude
 3 to make a turn for the
 worse
ðtàāny mádā taken a turn
 for the worse

tanye [tánnyéè] *verb*
 increase in rage, magnitude

tanyo [tànnyò] *verb*
 (to) overturn the ground,
 soil in digging

tap [táp] *adverb*
 swiftly chop with one blow

tar [tààr] *adjective*
 white

tara [tàrà] *noun*
 lamp

taro [tàrrò] *verb*
 (to) despise

tarabana [tàràbánà] *noun*
 wooden sandals

tat [tààt] *verb*
 (to) explore the sources; in-
 vestigate

táttèè can be investigated

tàttò investigation

taun [táūn] *noun*
 town (ENG)
 ALSO **bómà**

tayi [tàyì] *adverb*
 modifies brightness
wááng ní tàyì it is burning
 brightly

tayo [tàyyò] *verb*
 (to) destroy, defeat, sub-
 due

te [téé] *preposition*
 under, beneath, below
téé dèrò under the granary

te [téé] *noun*
 1 source
 2 origin
téé kwàrrò tradition, culture,
 custom
téé lòk meaning of a word
 or expression or utterance

tebo [tëbò] *noun*
 bird species of owl fam-
 ily; night jar

ted [tëèd] *verb*
 cook
tëddæè can be cooked
tëddò cooking

tedo [tëddò] *noun*
 cooking

tee [tëë] *verb*
 (to) make a tiny incision

tego [tëggò] *verb*
 (to) strengthen, harden

tek [tèèk] *verb*
 (to) distribute, give

tek [tèèk] *adjective*
 1 hard
 2 difficult
 3 strong
cwínnýéè tèèk she is brave
lòkké tèèk a difficult person
dóggéè tèèk can fight his cor-
 ner verbally
wíyyè tèèk stubborn, shows
 no respect

tek [tèèk] *noun*
 1 force, strength
 2 power
ðkwànyò kí téék he took it
 by force

tek [tèèk] *verb*
 1 (to) intercede and stop
 a fight
 2 (to) take sides in a fight

teke [teke] *noun*
 a small wooden peg or nail

teko [tékkóò] *noun*
 1 strength, force
 2 power

tel [tëèl] *verb*
 1 (to) pull
 2 (to) lead
tëèl wíyyè lead her

tele [tèléè] *noun*
 reed rat
 ALSO *ànyéří tèléè*

telo [tèllò] *.verb*
 pulling, dragging, leading

tem [tèém] *verb*
 (to) try, attempt
témméè can be attempted,
 tried

tèmmé try him

tèmmò trying

temo [tèmmò] *noun*
trying, attempting
ten [tèñ] *verb*
1 (to) support
2 (to) lean
tènnèè can be supported, leant
tènnò supporting, leaning
teng [tèñg] *verb*
1 (to) dust off
2 (to) beat, cane
teng [tèñg] *noun*
side
teng [tèñg] *verb*
1 (of hide) to stiffen
2 (of a door) to stiffen and not easily open
teng [tééng] *verb*
to be disobedient
tengo [tèñngò] *verb*
1 (to) beat with a stick
2 (to) cane
teny [tèñy] *verb*
1 (to) leave behind
2 to give up on
tènyèè can be left behind
tènyè leave her behind
tènyò giving up on, leaving behind
tenyo [tènyò] *noun*
abandoning, giving up
ter [tèér] *verb*
1 to focus (ear)
2 (to) pay attention
3 to tune an instrument
ter [téér] *noun*
load, luggage, baggage
ter [tèér] *verb*
(to) take

tèrrèè can be taken
tèrrò taking
tere [tèrrè] *adverb*
(of an event) lasting till the break of daylight
gúmyèllò píny térrè they danced till the break of the day
tere [térrè] *verb*
1 (of a harp) to be tuned
2 (of the ear) to focus
tèrrò ít being attentive
tero [tèrrò] *noun*
taking
tete [tèé té] *noun*
the first faltering steps of a baby
tet [tèët] *verb*
(to) forge
tèttèè can be forged
tèttò forging
teto [tèttò] *verb*
forging
teyo [tèyyò] *verb*
to scrape
tic [tìlc] *noun*
1 work
2 working
3 occupation, profession
tic [tfíc] *adjective*
1 moist
2 damp
tid [tíld] *verb*
(to) get water in small amounts; in droplets
tidi [tídí] *adjective*
small, tiny
tidu [tídù] *noun*
numbness
tigu [tígù] *verb*
mating

tii [tí] *verb*
(to) pour water gently in trickle
tii [tí] *verb*
(to) age
tii [tí] *noun*
old age, ageing
tii [tí] *verb*
(to) work
tik [tík] *noun*
chin
yèr tik facial hair, especially chin
tiik [tík] *adverb*
strong smell; pungent
kòmmè ngwéé tik he has a pungent smell
tiik [tík] *adverb*
sound of a thing landing on the ground; thud
tika [tíká] *adverb*
really, truly
ALSO **àtíká**
tikitiki [tíktíkí] *noun*
ticket (ENG)
tiko [tíkó] *noun*
beads
ALSO **òtíkó**
til [tíl] *noun*
kob gazelle impala
tim [tíim] *verb*
do
tímmèè can be done
tímmò doing
tim [tíim] *noun*
1 acts, action
2 behaviour
tímméè behaving, acting
tim [tíim] *noun*
1 bush
2 jungle
3 foreign land
time [tímméé] *verb*
1 (to) behave
2 (to) happen
timo [tímmò] *noun*
doing
tin [tíin] *verb*
(to) use food sparingly; skimp
tin [tíin] *noun*
today
tino [tínnó] *noun*
childishness
ting [tíng] *verb*
1 (to) carry
2 (to) lift
3 (to) give a lift to
tínngeè can be carried
tínnqò carrying, lifting
ting [tíng] *noun*
beer dregs
ting [tíng] *adverb*
modifies staring unflinchingly at a person
tingo [tínnqò] *noun*
carrying, lifting
tiny [tíny] *verb*
unshell, nuts, cowpeas
tipo [típó] *noun*
1 shade
2 soul, spirit
3 shadow
ALSO **típú**
tipu [típú] *noun*
1 shade
2 soul, spirit
3 shadow
ALSO **típó**
tir [tír] *verb*
(to) straighten

tírrè can be straightened
tírrò straightening
tir [tíir] *adjective*
 straight
tiri [tìrrì] *verb*
 becoming mature; hardened
tiro [tìrrò] *noun*
 straightening
tiru [tìrù] *noun*
 grass patch in water; sudd
tit [tíit] *verb*
 (to) explain
títteè can be explained
títte explained it to her
títto explaining, explanation
tito [tìttò] *noun*
 explaining
tiyo [tiyyò] *verb*
 pouring water in trickle
tiyo [tiyyò] *verb*
 1 ageing
 2 working
tobi [tòbi] *noun*
 yeast
tobu [tòbú] *noun*
 a rainfall that lasts the whole day
 ALSO **kijùmí**
toco [tòccò] *adjective*
 not fully developed; unripe
tod [tòöd] *verb*
 (to) draw water in small amounts
tóddèè can be drawn in small amounts
tóddò drawing in small amounts
togo [tógòd] *noun*

papyrus
 CFR kóló
tok [tòök] *verb*
 (to) dish out food
tókkèè can be dished out
tókké dish some for her
tókkò dishing out
tok [tóók] *noun*
 back part of the head
toki [tókì] *noun*
 vegetable seed
toko [tòkkò] *verb*
 1 (of eggs) to hatch
 2 dishing out food
tokolong [tòkòlòòng] *noun*
 a large male lizard
tol [tóól] *noun*
 string, rope
ton [tòöñ] *verb*
 1 (to) pour in drops, in trickle
 2 (to) brew the local alcohol
ton [tòöñ] *verb*
 (to) percolate sodium bicarbonate for cooking
 CFR kàdò àtónnáà
tono [tònnò] *verb*
 to speak arrogantly
tono [tònnò] *noun*
 percolating
tono [tònnò] *verb*
 to feel aggrieved
tong [tóóng] *noun*
 egg
tong [tóóng] *noun*
 spear
tong [tò়óng] *verb*
 1 (to) chop
 2 (to) bite

tongo [tònngò] *verb*
 1 cutting, chopping
 2 digging up cassava etc
 3 be bitten by a snake
tongo [tòngò] *adjective*
 of a pot not fired
too [tòò] *verb*
 deflate
too [tòò] *noun*
 jackal, fox
too [tòò] *noun*
 death
too [tòò] *verb*
 (to) die
top [tòöp] *verb*
 (to) rot
topino [tòpìnò] *noun*
 a wasp species
tor [tòör] *verb*
 block, fill
tore [tòrrèè] *verb*
 be filled up
tot [tòöt] *verb*
 collect, gather
tòtiò kíc gathering honey
toyo [tòyòd] *noun*
 dew
toyo [tòyòd] *verb*
 release anger
tub [tùüb] *verb*
 (to) provoke, incite
tuba [tùbáà] *noun*
 tobacco
 ARA *tumbaak*
tube [tùbbéè] *verb*
 1 (to) fall out
 2 (to) quarrel, get in conflict
tubo [tùbbò] *noun*
 inciting, instigating

tuc [tùüç] *noun*
 1 (to) pierce
 2 (to) perforate
túccèè can be pierced, perforated
túccò piercing, perforating
tuc [tùüç] *noun*
 1 (to) reveal
 2 (to) explain, show
 3 (to) indicate
túccèè can be revealed
túccò revealing
tuco [tùccò] *noun*
 1 piercing
 2 revealing
tud [tùüd] *verb*
 1 (to) knot
 2 (to) tie in a knot
tug [túúg] *noun*
 home
tug [tùüg] *verb*
 (to) stir, incite
túggèè can be stirred
túggò stirring
tuga [tuga] *noun* bunch of
tugu [tùgù] *noun*
 borassus palm
tuk [tùük] *verb*
 (to) fly
tuk [tùük] *verb*
 (to) play
tuk [tùük] *noun*
 a small ant hill
tukeno [tùkènnò] *noun*
 place by the fireside
tuku [tùkkò] *verb*
 1 games, plays
 2 flying, flight
tuko [tùkkò] *verb*
 threading

tul [tù̄l] *verb*
 open wide
tù̄l wángí open your eyes wide
tula [túláà] *noun*
 an owl
tulo [tùllò] *noun*
 having eyes wide open
tum [tù̄m] *noun*
 wood instrument
tumo [tùmmò] *verb*
 sacrificing
tun [tùün] *verb*
 sell
tun [tùün] *noun*
 vagina
tuno [tùñò] *noun*
 breast
tuno [tùnnò] *noun*
 arriving, reaching
tung [tù̄ng] *noun*
 (animal) horn
tung [tù̄ng] *verb*
 to suffocate, to choke
tuny [tùñy] *verb*
 uproot
túñnyè can be uprooted
tur [tùür] *verb*
 1 to break
 2 snap off
tur [tùür] *verb*
 (to) mature, approach poverty
tur [túýr] *noun*
 flowers
 ALSO **àtúré**
tur [túýr] *noun*
 1 face
 2 forehead

tura [tùrà] *noun*
 raised ground on the edge of the river
turo [tùrrò] *noun*
 snapping, breaking
tut [tùüt] *noun*
 an insect
tut [túüt] *adjective*
 deep
tut [túüt] *noun*
 beetle
tut [túüt] *noun*
 pus
tute [túttè] *verb*
 strive, endure
tutu [tùtù] *noun*
 a percolated pot for sodium bicarbonate
tutuno [tùtùñò] *noun*
 heaps (of potatoes)
tutunu [tùtúnú] *adverb*
 for the present time; temporally
twac [twàäc] *verb*
 (to) throw down
twak [twàäk] *verb*
 (to) shout at
twak [twàäk] *verb*
 (to) boil gently; simmer
twakkò simmering
twako [twàkkò] *noun*
 simmering
twal [twáál] *adverb*
 forever
twango [twànngò] *verb*
 (to) strike with a stick
twany [twàâny] *verb*
 turn inside out
twar [twàär] *verb*
 (to) drive away, disperse

twaro [twáróð] *verb*
 snoring
twe [twèë] *verb*
 1 (to) tie
 2 (to) bind
twééc *noun*
 tying
tweny [twèéñy] *verb*
 (to) straighten
twer [twéér] *verb*
 power, strength ability
twérrè ca be done
twèrrò power
twero [twèrrò] *noun*
 power, ability
tweyo [twèyyò] *verb*
 tying
twi [twì] *verb*
 (to) grow
twi [twì] *adverb*
 thickly rising of smoke
twic [twíic] *adverb*
 happening swiftly
òdñnyò ní twic she entered swiftly
twil [twìil] *verb*
 (to) emaciate, lose weight
twilo [twìllò] *verb*
 wasting
twiny [twìñy] *verb*
 (to) blow the nose
two [twòðò] *verb*
 1 (to) take care of; nurse an ailing person
 2 (to) be ill
two [twòðò] *noun*
 1 illness, ailment
 2 disease
two [twòðò] *verb*
twòðòn gwèñò cock
twòðòn lácóó a huge man

1 (to) dry, dry out
 2 (to) wait for a long time
twor [twóór] *noun*
 mallet
twod [twòöd] *verb*
 build circular
twòddò to encircle, draw round
twodo [twóddóð] *verb*
 lying
twok [twóók] *noun*
 corner
twol [twòöł] *noun*
 snake
twolo [twółó'ð] *adverb*
 1 open
 2 (of a person) with eyes open
 3 hollow
twom [twòöm] *verb*
 knock, butt
twom [twòöm] *verb*
 1 (to) draw from a well
 2 (to) get water etc from a pot etc
twómè can be drawn
twòmmò drawing
twomo [twòmmò] *noun*
 scooping, drawing water etc
twon [twòðòn] *adjective*
 huge, big
 PLU **twónné**
twon [twòðòn] *noun*
 the male of an animal
twònné 1 his bull 2 a big one
twòðòn gwèñò cock
twòðòn lácóó a huge man

twon [twòñ] *verb*
 1 (to) refuse to give
 2 (to) deny a person a thing

twon [twòñ] *verb*
 (to) percolate sodium bicarbonate for cooking; kàdò
àtónnáà
 ALSO tòðn

twono [twòññò] *noun*
 denying a person a thing;
 refusing, refusal

twor [twòðõr] *verb*
 knock
twórréè can be struck, knocked

tworo [twòrrò] *verb*
 1 pushing
 2 knocking

twora [twòrà] *adverb*
 better

tworo [twórò] *noun*
 algae

tworo [tworo] [twóróò] *noun*
 sisal

twoyo [twòyyò] *verb*
 drying

tyang [tyàng] *noun*
 sugar cane

tye [tyéë] *adverb*
 1 present
 2 exist
 3 part of the phrase used
 in greetings

tyek [tyèëk] *verb*
 complete, finish

tyékkéè can be completed

tyékkò completing

tyeko [tyèkkò] *.n*
 completing

tyel [tyèël] *verb*

support from collapsing
tyélléè supporting each other

tyelo [tyèllò] *noun*
 towards the inner part of
 a house

tyen [tyèèn] *noun*
 1 leg, foot
 2 times. *tyèèn àryóò* twice

tyeng [tyèëng] *verb* make a
 stone rough enough for grinding

tyeng [tyèëng] *noun*
 line, queue

tyer [tyèèr] *verb*
 split, crack

tyer [tyèèr] *verb*
 to offer, sacrifice

tyer [tyéér] *noun*
 offering, sacrificing.

tyere [tyérréè] *verb*
 can be sacrificed

tyero [tyèrrò] *verb*
 sacrificing

tyero [tyèrrò] *verb*
 to lay the table

tyet [tyèët] *verb*
 to divine, prophesise

tyet [tyèët] *noun*
 divination, sacrifice

tyeto [tyëttò] *noun*
 divination

U u

uc [úc] *noun*
 a mock charge in a dance
 with a shield and spear in
 each hand

uci [úçì] *noun*
 thread
SWA uzi
 ALSO wúçì

ucu [úçú] *noun*
 wood shavings

udu [ùdù] *noun*
 ostrich

uk [ùñk] *verb*
 (of mouth) to rinse
ùkkéè can be rinsed
ùkkò rinsing

uk [ùñk] *verb*
 empty *ùñk píny* empty it
 down

ùkkéè can be emptied
ùkkò emptying

uko [ùkkò] *noun*
 1 rinsing
 2 emptying

ul [ùñù] *verb*
 shift a thing
ùñl wókò shift it a bit

ùlléè can be shifted, moved
ùllò shifting, moving

ule [ùlléè] *verb*
 feel ill (like puking)

ulo [ùllò] *verb*
 to cause ripples in water
ùllò pìñ is causing ripples
 in the water

um [úúm] *noun*
 nose

um [ùñm] *verb*
 cover, drape a thing over

ùmméè can be covered
ùmméè covering the shelf
ùmmò draping

um [úúm] *verb*
 to be proud of a thing

umo [ùmmò] *noun*
 covering, draping

un [úúñ] *noun*
 pressure of work
úún mé tìc pressure of work

ùnnéè suffering

uno [ýñóò] *noun*
 rope

ur [ýúr] *verb*
 wonder

ur [ýúr] *noun*
 wonder, amazement

úrrá wondering

ùrrò wonde

uro [ùrrò] *noun*
 amazement, wonder

ute [ùttéè] *verb*
 urge to do something

ALSO **yùttéè**

uu [ùñù] *verb*
 chocking

uyo [ùyyò] *verb*
 chocking

uyu [ùyú] *noun*
 puff adder, viper

W w

wa [wā] *pronoun*
 first person plural; our, ours,
 us.

òt wā our house

òwàccì wā he told us

wa [wà] *adverb*
 until, upto

òcittò wà Kampala she went
 as far as Kampala

wa [wàà] *adverb*
excessive noise
dànó wóó ní wàà there was
a lot of noise

waa [wàā] *verb*
smear
wàā dòggf kí lèmýn smear
lemon on your mouth

wac [wàāc] *verb*
say
wáccèè can be said
wàccò saying

wac [wàāc] *adjective*
1 sour
2 of a person lazy
kòmmè wàāc he is lazy
wàāc kòm laziness

waco [wàccò] *noun*
saying, telling

wad [wàād] *verb*
(to) remove to clear the way
wàād lúyúm wòkó clear the
way

wadi [wádf] *noun*
relations, relatives
SGL **wààt**

wai [wái] *interjection*
I say...

wake [wàkkéè] *noun*
pride, showing off
ALSO **àwáká**

wake [wákkeè] *verb*
to be proud, to show off

wako [wàkkò] *verb*
inviting people for a com-
munal digging or chore

wal [wàāl] *verb*
remove the top to clear
wàāl lúyúm má ɿdyèè òt re-
move the grass in the room

wállèè can be gathered of
wàllò gathering, remov-
ing

walo [wàllò] *verb*
(of water) to boil

walo [wàllò] *noun*
gathering, removing

wan [wàán] *pronoun*
first person plural; we
wáán lütéderò we are peas-
ants

CFR **wā**

wang [wààng] *adverb*
how often a thing happens;
times
wààng àryóò twice

wang [wààng] *noun*
eye
wààng òt window

wang [wàäng] *verb*
(to) set alight; burn
wánngèè can be set alight
wànggò setting alight, burn-
ing

wango [wànnngò] *noun*
burning, setting alight

wany [wààny] *noun*
desire a thing, crave for

wany [wàāny] *verb*
(to) peel banana etc.
wánnnyèè can be peeled
wánnnyò peeling.

wanyo [wànnnyò] *noun*
1 peeling
2 craving for

war [wààr] *noun*
shoes

war [wààr] *noun*
remarrying other peoples
wife

war [wàär] *verb*
remove the top layer

ware [wàrréè] *verb*
(of weather) to clear up

waro [wàrò] *noun*
cotton
ALSO **pámßà**

waro [wàrrò] *verb*
to compensate a person whose
wife you have married

waro [wàrrò] *noun*
removing the top layer

wat [wààt] *verb*
relative, relation

waya [wáyá] *noun*
1 sister of your father; aunt
2 sister of your husband;
sister in law

waraga [wárágà] *noun*
1 paper
2 letter
3 message
ARA *waraaq*

wayo [wàyyò] *noun*
war dance before the an-
cestral shrine

wayo [wàyyò] *noun*
to sharpen the appetite by
eating

wec [wééc] *verb*
impuning

wee [wéë] *verb*
(to) change direction, de-
viate, veer

wee [wéë] *interjection*
exclamation of surprise

wego [wèëgò] *noun*
1 fathers
2 owners
SGL **wòðn**

wek [wèēk] *verb*
(to) leave

wékkéè can be left
wèkké leave her, abandon
her

wèkkò leaving, abandon-
ing

weko [wèkkò] *verb*
leaving, abandoning

wel [wéél] *noun*
cost, price, amount,

welo [wèlò] *noun*
guest, visitor
PLU **wèlléè**

wen [wéén] *noun*
neck

weng [wééng] *adverb*
all, completely

wer [wéér] *noun*
wooden dish

wer [wèér] *verb*
paint or decorate

wer [wèér] *verb*
(to) sing

wer [wéér] *noun*
song, hymns

wero [wèrrò] *noun*
singing

wi [wìj] *preposition*
on top of; on
wìj òt house top; roof

wìj méjà on the table; ta-
ble top

wi [wìj] *noun*
head
lyéllò wìj shaving head hair
ALSO **wìjc**

wic [wìjc] *noun*
head

lyèllò wìjc shaving head hair
 ALSO **wìj**
wil [wìi] *verb*
 (to) turn, twist, screw
wil [wìil] *verb*
 (to) buy
wíllèè can be bought
wíllè nuy for her
willò buying
wil [wìil] *verb*
 flash (of lightning)
wil [wìil] *noun*
 buying, trading
wil [wìil] *verb*
 to sprain
wíll tyèn spraining the leg
wil [wìil] *verb*
 (to) forget
wìjl wìjc forgetfulness
wilo [willò] *noun*
 1 buying
 2 spraining
wino [wìndò] *noun*
 bristles made from the tail
 hair of giraffe
wino [wìndò] *noun*
 cord of the placenta
wing [wiìng] *verb*
 (to) bend, deform, turn
wínngèè can be bent
winy [wìiny] *verb*
 1 hear
 2 listen
wínnycèè can be heard
wínnycè listen to her
winyo [wìnnyo] *noun*
 1 hearing, listening
 2 understanding
winyo [wìnyo] *noun*
 bird

wir [wíír] *noun*
 pillar, central pole of the
 hut
wir [wìír] *verb*
 1 smear
 2 anoint
wir [wíír] *verb*
 turn, change direction
wírrèè can be revolved
wiro [wírrò] *noun*
 revolving
wit [wìít] *verb*
 fling, hurl
wit [wíít] *noun*
 ear of corn
wiu [wìù] *adverb*
 passing swiftly
òkàttò ní wìù it passed swiftly
wiyo [wìyyò] *verb*
 to spin
woc [wòöc] *verb*
 drying, putting out to dry
wod [wòöd] *noun*
 1 son (of)
 2 young one of
wok [wóök] *noun*
 gap left when a tooth is
 extracted
woko [wòkó] *adverb*
 out, outside
wol [wòöł] *verb*
 poison
wolo [wòllò] *noun*
 poisoning
won [wòön] *noun*
 1 father
 2 owner
wònnyéè the father; owner
wong [wóöng] *adverb*
 wide open

woo [wòðò] *verb*
 (to) partially dry
woo [wòðò] *verb*
 (to) make noise
woo [wòðò] *noun*
 noise
woo [wòðò] *verb*
 (of grain) to sprout
káál wòò mádā millet has
 sprouted
wor [wóör] *noun*
 night
wor [wóör] *noun*
 greediness
wor [wòöör] *verb*
 (to) respect
wor [wóör] *noun*
 respect
wora [wòrrä] *noun*
 my father
 PLU **wègò**
woro [wórrö] *verb*
 honouring, respecting
woro [wórrö] *noun*
 greediness
woro [wòrò] *noun*
 cow dung
wot [wòööt] *verb*
 (to) go
wot [wòööt] *noun*
 1 journey
 2 traveling
 3 travels
wot [wòööt] *verb*
 (to) extract, pull out
wóttèè can be extracted—
wòttò extraction, extracting
woto [wòttò] *noun*
 extracting, extraction

woto [wòttò] *noun*
 travelling, moving, journeys
wu [wü] *pronoun*
 short form of second person plural; your
òt wü your house
 CFR **wúún**
wuci [wúccì] *noun*
 thread
 SWA *uzi*
 ALSO **úccì**
wun [wúún] *pronoun*
 (full form of second person pronoun; you
wúún wéng all of you
 CFR **wúú**
wuru [wùrrù] *verb*
 preparing polenta; kneading

Y y

yaa [yáâ] *adverb*
 not yet; still
pé yáâ òbínòò she has not
 yet arrived
yaa [yáâ] *noun*
 shear butter
yaa [yáâ] *noun*
 coeval
yar [yàär] *verb*
 spread out
yárrèè can be spread out
yàrrò spreading out
yab [yâab] *verb*
 (to) open

yábbēè can be opened
yábbò opening
yabo [yàbbò] noun
 opening
yac [yàāc] verb
 to become pregnant
yàccò impregnating
yac [yáác] noun
 pregnant
yaco [yàccò] noun
 impregnating
yago [yàgò] noun
 sausage tree
yak [yàāk] verb
 to rob, plunder
yákkèè can be plundered
yàkkò plundering, robbing
yak [yáák] noun
 robbery
yako [yàkkò] noun
 robbing, plundering
yago [yàgò] noun
 yam species
yal [yáál] noun
 present given during process of marriage
yal [yàál] verb
 to give presents
yam [yáám] adverb
 long time ago
yamo [yàmò] noun
 air, wind
yang [yàāng] verb
 skin, gut
yang [yááng] noun
 in the past
 ALSO **yáám**
yango [yànngò] verb
 to operate

yaro [yàrrò] noun
 spreading wide
yat [yààt] noun
 1 tree
 2 medicine
yec [yééc] noun
 1 load
 2 luggage
yec [yèéc] verb
 to tear
yéccèè can be torn apart
yéccò tearing apart
yec [yééc] noun
 acceptance
yeço [yèccò] noun
 ripping apart; tearing, shredding
yee [yèē] verb
 accept, agree, believe
yee [yèē] verb
 to lift and carry a load on the head
yene [yénnèè] verb
 it can be lifted and carried
yeng [yèēng] verb
 shake, loosen
yek [yèék] verb
 to separate
yel [yèēl] verb
 to trouble, disturb
yele [yèlléè] verb
 struggling to make ends meet
yelo [yèllò] noun
 troubling
yen [yéén] noun
 firewood
yeng [yèēng] verb
 to shake

yénngèè can be shaken
yènngò shaking
yeng [yééng] noun
 an insect
yeng [yèéng] adverb
 being full
yengo [yènngò] noun
 shaking
yeny [yèény] verb
 (to) search
yeny [yèény] verb
 to boil; boil over
yenyo [yènnnyò] verb
 1 boiling
 2 fermenting
yenyo [yènnnyò] noun
 searching
yer [yèér] noun
 hair
yèér wìic hair (of the head)
yèér tíik hair (of the chin); beard
yer [yèér] verb
 select, elect
yèrréè making selection
yèrrò selecting
yer [yéér] noun
 election, selection
yro [yèrrò] noun
 selecting, electing
yet [yèët] verb
 to insult, abuse
yet [yéët] noun
 1 insult
 2 abuse
yèttéè trading insults
yèttò insulting
yet [yèët] verb
 to sharpen

yéttèè can be sharpened
yèttò sharpening
yeto [yèttò] noun
 sharpening
yeto [yèttò] noun
 insulting
yeya [yèyà] noun
 boat, ship
yib [yíib] noun
 tail
 ALSO **íb**
yik [yíik] verb
 (to) bury
yik [yíik] noun
 burial
yìkkéè burying the self under a thing
yìkkò burying
yiko [yìkkò] noun
 burying
yil [yíil] noun
 itching
yir [yíir] verb
 1 to be bewitched
 2 to bewitch
yírrèè can be bewitched
yírrò bewitching
yiro [yírrò] noun
 bewitching
yiru [yírù] noun
 smoke
 ALSO **yìtò**
yito [yìtò] noun
 smoke
 ALSO **ítò, yìrù**
yog [yòög] verb
 to loosen
yok [yòök] verb
 to knock, butt
yókkèè can be knocked

yoko [yòkkò] <i>noun</i>	yuk [yùūk] <i>verb</i>	2 holiday
knocking, hitting	(to) dig up	3 holidaying
yom [yòm] <i>noun</i>	yul [yùūl] <i>verb</i>	ywec [ywééc] <i>noun</i>
circumcised	(to) pull	1 breathing
yom [yòòm] <i>adjective</i>	yulu [yùllù] <i>verb</i>	2 holiday
1 soft	pulling up	3 resting
2 easy	yung [yúúng] <i>noun</i>	ywek [ywèèk] <i>verb</i>
yòòm cwiíny happiness	humour	become famous
yom [yòòm] <i>noun</i>	yure [yùrréè] <i>verb</i>	yweka [ywèkkà] <i>noun</i>
day	gliding down	fame, being famous
yon [yòòn] <i>verb</i>	yut [yùùt] <i>verb</i>	yweko [ywèkkò] <i>verb</i>
to move	to snatch	transporting
yong [yòòng] <i>verb</i>	yuto [yùttò] <i>noun</i>	ywer [ywéér] <i>noun</i>
to add	jerking, snatching	calf
yònngò adding	yuto [yùttò] <i>verb</i>	ywer [ywéér] <i>noun</i>
yoo [yòò] <i>noun</i>	1 (of weather) to darken	sister or brother in law
path, road	2 (of the sun) to set	ywer [ywèér] <i>verb</i>
yoo [yòò] <i>verb</i>	yuu [yùù] <i>verb</i>	clear the water
(to) sprinkle	inhale	ywero [ywèrrò] <i>noun</i>
yot [yòòt] <i>adjective</i>	yuu [yùù] <i>verb</i>	being a sister or brother
1 light	(to) pluck	in law
2 easy	yuyo [yùyyò] <i>verb</i>	yweyo [ywèyyò] <i>verb</i>
yoyo [yòyyò] <i>verb</i>	throwing	sweep
sprinkle	ywa [ywàā] <i>verb</i>	ywi [ywii] <i>verb</i>
yub [yùüb] <i>verb</i>	drag, pull	to make it become small
1 repair	ywànnèè can be pulled	ywin [ywíñ] <i>verb</i>
2 prepare	ywat [ywáát] <i>noun</i>	to make a thing become
3 adjust	armpit	smaller
yúbbéè can be repaired, adjusted	ALSO yweét	
yùbbéè getting ready, be- ing prepared	ywac [ywáác] <i>noun</i>	
yubu [yùubbù] <i>noun</i>	dragging	
repairing, adjusting	ywayo [ywàyyò] <i>verb</i>	
yuc [yùùc] <i>verb</i>	dragging	
to throw	ywe [ywèè] <i>verb</i>	
yuc [yúúc] <i>noun</i>	1 to breathe	
throwing	2 to have a rest	
yugi [yúgù] <i>noun</i>	3 to have a holiday	
rubbish	ywe [ywéé] <i>noun</i>	
	1 breathing	

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abandon <i>verb</i>	abroad <i>adverb</i>
1 kwèēr	lòkā
2 wèēk	
abandoning 1 kwèrrò	abscond <i>verb</i>
2 wèkkò	lwìi
abate <i>verb</i>	absconding 1 lwìi
kwèē	2 kwàlléè
abating kwèè	absent <i>adjective</i>
abdomen <i>noun</i>	pé (tyéé)
1 ìc	abundant <i>adjective</i>
2 ìyè	dwóóng, pòòl
ablaze <i>adjective</i>	abuse <i>verb</i>
wààng	yèēt
able <i>adjective</i>	abusing 1 yèttò
twérròò	2 yéét
abolish <i>verb</i>	abuse <i>noun</i>
gèéng	yéét
abolishing gènngò	accede <i>verb</i>
abortion <i>noun</i>	yèé
ònnyò ìc	accept <i>verb</i>
abound <i>verb</i>	yèé
dwóóng	accurate <i>verb</i>
about <i>preposition</i>	àtíír
ì kòòm	accuse <i>verb</i>
above <i>preposition</i>	dòòtò
màló	accusing <i>verb</i>
	dòttò
	ache <i>verb</i>
	réém
	aching réém

acre <i>noun</i>	èēm
ékà (ENG)	aiming èmmò
add <i>verb</i>	air <i>noun</i>
1 mèēd	yàmò
2 rìlb	aircraft <i>noun</i>
adding 1 mèddò	dégè
2 rìbbò	SWA ndege
addition <i>noun</i>	airfield <i>noun</i>
mèddò	1 bààr dégè
admit <i>verb</i>	2 màtáár
yèē	ARA mataar
admitting 1 yèē	alarm <i>noun</i>
2 yééc	òdúúr
adze <i>noun</i>	alike <i>adjective, adverb</i>
kòyò	cáál
after <i>adverb</i>	alive <i>adjective</i>
1 ìngèyè	kwóò
2 lácéén	all <i>adjective, noun</i>
afterbirth <i>noun</i>	1 wééng
byèrrò	2 dúcú
again <i>adverb</i>	allow <i>verb</i>
tóó, òdòccó	yèē
age <i>noun</i>	allowing yèē
mwàká	alone <i>adjective</i>
agitate <i>verb</i>	kénnéè
tùūb	also <i>adverb</i>
agree <i>verb</i>	bènè
yèē	altar <i>noun</i>
ahead <i>adverb</i>	àltárè (ENG)
ìnyíím	alter <i>verb</i>
aid <i>noun</i>	gèér
kóóny	alteration <i>noun</i>
aiding kònnyò	gèrrò
aid <i>verb</i>	ambassador <i>noun</i>
kòony	lácùùng
Aids <i>noun</i>	among <i>preposition</i>
1 twòò jònnyò	ìkìn
2 cìlím	ancestor <i>noun</i>
aim <i>verb</i>	kwàrrò

and <i>conjunction</i>	axe <i>noun</i>
1 bènè	làtòóng
2 kí	
angel <i>noun</i>	B b
màláikà	
SWA malaika	
anger <i>noun</i>	baboon <i>noun</i>
1 gérróò	àyóóm
2 kèccò	baby <i>noun</i>
angry <i>adjective</i>	látíín
gèèr	babysitter <i>noun</i>
animal <i>noun</i>	1 làpìddì
léè	2 àyáà
another <i>adjective, pronoun</i>	bachelor <i>noun</i>
múkénèè	làbòt
answer <i>noun</i>	back <i>noun</i>
lágáám	ngèè
answer <i>verb</i>	back <i>adverb</i>
gàäm	céén, ìngèèc
answerable <i>adjective</i>	bad <i>adjective</i>
gáamméè	ràc
ant <i>noun</i>	bag <i>noun</i>
ngìnì ngíní	kícáú
any <i>pronoun, adjective</i>	baggage <i>noun</i>
móó kékén	téér
give me any miyà móó kékén	bald <i>adjective</i>
arm <i>noun</i>	tàál (wìyè)
bààd	ball <i>noun</i>
arms <i>noun</i>	òdilò
lùdùkù	balloting <i>noun</i>
as <i>adverb, preposition</i>	bòllò kwíír
cállóò	bamboo <i>noun</i>
ask <i>verb</i>	kóó
pèèny	banana <i>noun</i>
asking pènnnyò	làbòlò
assembly <i>noun</i>	bangle <i>noun</i>
kàcòkkéè	àbwóòl
at <i>preposition</i>	bar <i>noun</i>
í	báà

baptism *noun*
 bătícímò
bargaining *noun*
 lărrò wéél
barrel *noun*
 pípà
bat *noun*
 ɔlýík
bead *noun*
 tíkóò
bean *noun*
 mûràngà, ngòòr
bear *verb*
 nywàäl
bearing 1 nywàäl
 2 nywàllò
beard *noun*
 yèèr tíík
beat *verb*
 gòò
beating gòyyò
beautiful *adjective*
 lèèng
bed *noun*
 kítánà
bee *noun*
 kííc
beef *noun*
 rìngó
begin *verb*
 1 càák
 2 èér
begining 1 càkkò
 2 èrrò
behind *adverb, preposition*
 ịngèèc
bell *noun*
 oláng
belt *noun*
 gáác

bend *verb*
 gòòm
bending gòmmò
bent *adjective*
 ògòm
big *adjective*
 dít
bile *noun*
 kèdá
bind *verb*
 twèë
binding twèyyò
birth *noun*
 nywààl
bishop *noun*
 bícòp (ENG)
bite *verb*
 kàä
biting kàyyò
bitter *adjective*
 kééc
black *noun, adjective*
 còòl
bleed *verb*
 cwèë
blood *noun*
 rèmò
blunt *adjective*
 báàm
boasting *verb*
 1 wàkkéè
 2 àwákká
body *noun*
 kòòm
boil *verb*
 1 lyèët
 2 mùür
boiling 1 lyëttò 2 mùrrò
bone *noun*
 cògó

book *noun*
 búk (ENG)
border *noun*
 kòòr
bottle *noun*
 1 cúpà
 2 gijájà
 ARA gizaza
bottom *noun, preposition*
 1 térréè
 2 té
boundary *noun*
 kòór
bow *noun*
 àtùùm
bow *verb*
 gùùm
bowing gùmmò
bowl *noun*
 àtàbò
box *noun*
 cändúúk
 ARA shandah
boxing *noun*
 bókcìng ENG
boy *noun*
 àwòbí
 PLU àwòbè
bra *noun*
 kílegà
brain *noun*
 àdáám
brake *noun*
 bùrék (ENG)
branch *noun*
 jàäny
bravery *noun*
 tèèk cwííny

break *verb*
 tùūr
breaking túrrò
breast *noun*
 túnò
breathe *verb*
 ywèë
brew *verb*
 tèëd
bring *verb*
 kèël
bringing këllò
broad *adjective*
 láác
brother *noun*
 òmñîn
brother in law *noun*
 mûkó
build *verb*
 gèér
building gèrrò
bull *noun*
 twòòn
burn *verb*
 wàäng
burning wànngò
burst *verb*
 tyèér
bursting tyèrrò
bus *noun*
 báác
button *noun*
 jàrárà
 ARA zirara
butterfly *noun*
 làpwópwóò
buy *verb*
 wiíl
buying willò

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call <i>verb</i>	chair <i>noun</i>
lwòŋg	kóóm
calling lwòŋngò	
camel <i>noun</i>	charcoal <i>noun</i>
kínágáá	1 bíló
camera <i>noun</i>	2 màkáár
kámérà (ENG)	SWA <i>makaar</i>
camp <i>noun</i>	chase <i>verb</i>
kéém (ENG)	ryèém
cane <i>noun</i>	cheek <i>noun</i>
lùt	léém
car <i>noun</i>	chest <i>noun</i>
mòtökà (ENG)	kóór
case <i>noun</i>	chicken <i>noun</i>
kééc (ENG)	gwènò
cassava <i>noun</i>	chickpea leaf <i>noun</i>
gwánáá	bòò
cassette <i>noun</i>	chief <i>noun</i>
káceét (ENG)	rwòòt
cat <i>noun</i>	child <i>noun</i>
1 púúc	látíín
2 büráá	chili <i>noun</i>
catch <i>verb</i>	1 kàmlárà
màāk	2 cétà
catechism <i>noun</i>	ARA <i>sheetah</i>
kàtékícmù (ENG)	chop <i>verb</i>
cattle <i>noun</i>	tòŋg
dyángí	church <i>noun</i>
SGL dyààng	kànícà
cave <i>noun</i>	ara <i>kanais</i>
bóró	cigarette <i>noun</i>
cell <i>noun</i>	táá
1 jélà (ENG)	civilian <i>noun</i>
2 màbúúc	rèyáá
ARA <i>maboosh</i>	SWA <i>reyyaa</i>
chain <i>noun</i>	class <i>noun</i>
nyòòr	kíláác ENG

clean <i>adjective</i>	clerk <i>noun</i>
lèng	kàráán
clock <i>noun</i>	clever <i>adjective</i>
	ryèèk
close <i>adjective</i>	clock <i>noun</i>
	cáà
close <i>verb</i>	SWA <i>saa</i>
clothes <i>noun</i>	close <i>adjective</i>
	cóók
cloud <i>noun</i>	close <i>verb</i>
	lòðr, cèëg
cock <i>noun</i>	clothes <i>noun</i>
	bòngó
coffee <i>noun</i>	cloud <i>noun</i>
	pòòl
cook <i>verb</i>	coat <i>noun</i>
	kóót (ENG)
cool <i>adjective</i>	coarse <i>adjective</i>
	gwààr
corn <i>noun</i>	cock <i>noun</i>
	twòòn gwènò
count <i>verb</i>	coffee <i>noun</i>
	1 káwà
coporal <i>noun</i>	ALSO gáwà
	SWA <i>khawa</i>
cousin <i>noun</i>	2 búýn
	ARA <i>buun</i>
	3 òméné
court <i>noun</i>	cold <i>adjective</i>
	1 ngìic
	2 kòyò
	colour <i>noun</i>
	1 rágì
	SWA <i>rangi</i>
	2 búýà
	ARA <i>buyaa</i>
	comb <i>noun</i>
	1 lákéét
	2 míciít
	ARA <i>mishiit</i>

comb <i>verb</i>	come <i>verb</i>
kèēt	bíjn
	coming bínnò
commandment <i>noun</i>	commandment <i>noun</i>
1 cíik	2 óyr
commence <i>verb</i>	commence <i>verb</i>
càāk	càāk
	commencing càkkò
commerce <i>noun</i>	conceal <i>verb</i>
	kàān
compete <i>verb</i>	concealing kànnò
pyèém	cook <i>verb</i>
conceal <i>verb</i>	tèēd
	cooking tèddò
cook <i>noun</i>	cook <i>noun</i>
	lätèdò
	PLU lütèdò
cool <i>adjective</i>	cool <i>adjective</i>
	ngìic
corn <i>noun</i>	counting kwànnò
	ànyógíí
coporal <i>noun</i>	course <i>noun</i>
	kópòlò (ENG)
cousin <i>noun</i>	court <i>noun</i>
	kóót, lükíkò
	lámàrà

cover *verb*
 ụ̄m
covering dùmmò
cow *noun*
 dyààng
 PLU dyànngí
coward *adjective*
 làlwórrò
 PLU lìlwórróò
crab *noun*
 ògórè
crack *verb*
 tyèèr
crane *noun*
 òwàlú
credit *noun*
 1 bányá
 2 déèn
 SWA den
cripple *noun*
 làngòò
crop *noun*
 kòdù
cross *noun*
 yààt àrà
crow *noun*
 àgáák
crowd *noun*
 lwààk
crucify *verb*
 gùñr
 crucifying gùrrò
cry *verb*
 kòðk
 crying kòkò
cup *noun*
 1 kìkópò
 SWA kikopo
 2 kùbáyà
 ARA khubaya

cure *verb*
 càāng
 curing cànnngò
cut *verb*
 ngòòl
 cutting ngòllò

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dab *verb*
 dùñny
dad *noun*
 bàbá
daily *adverb, adjective*
 jwìì
dance *verb*
 myèèl
 dancing myèèl
dance *noun*
 myèèl
dangerous *adjective*
 rààc
dark *noun*
 cójl
darn *verb*
 kwòò
date *noun*
 nìnò dwèè
daughter in law *noun*
 cíí wóddà
daughter *noun*
 nyààr
 my daughter nyàrrà
dawn *noun*
 rùùpíny
day *noun*
 1 (of the week) cèèng

2 nìnnò
 3 (time) dyèè cèèng
death *noun*
 tòò
debt *noun*
 bányá
deceit *noun*
 bwólá
deceive *verb*
 bwòòl
 deceiving bwòllò
decline *verb*
 kwèèr
defeat *noun*
 lóóc, lòyyò
defeat *verb*
 lòò
 defeating lòyyò
delay *verb*
 gàäl
 delaying gàllò
depart *verb*
 àä
 departing àà
derision *noun*
 ngálá
devil *noun*
 cítáán (ENG)
dew *noun*
 tóyó
diarrhoea *noun*
 cádóò
die *verb*
 tòò
different *adjective*
 pààt
difficult *adjective*
 tèèk
difficulty *noun*
 pékkóò

dig *verb*
 pùñr
dilute *verb*
 cùñl
 diluting cùllò
dirt *noun*
 cíllò
disease *noun*
 twòò
dismiss *verb*
 ryèèm
dismissal *noun*
 ryèèmmò
dispensary *noun*
 òt yààt
disturb *verb*
 yèèl
 disturbing yéllò
dive *verb*
 lwíñy
divert *verb*
 wèè
divide *verb*
 pòñk
doctor *noun*
 dàktár
dog *noun*
 gwóók
door *noun*
 dóglà
down *preposition, adverb*
 píiny
dowry *noun*
 1 kèèny
 2 liùm
draw *verb*
 gòò
 drawing gòyyò
dread *noun*
 lwórróò

dream *noun*
léék
drift *verb*
mòõl
drink *noun*
màät
drink *verb*
màät
drinking mättò
drive *verb*
dwòõ
driving *noun*
dwòyyò
drug *noun*
yàät
drum *noun*
bùyl
drunkard *noun*
lámérro
PLU lùméró
dry *verb*
twòõ
drying twòyyò
duck *noun*
1 bátà
2 ątýdù
dust *noun*
ápwàä

E e

eagle *noun*
òkwátéeng
ear *noun*
ít
early *adjective, adverb*
còon

earth *noun*
ngòòm, lòbò
earthworm *noun*
ótwógl kòòt
easy *adjective*
yòòt
east *noun*
(kù)nyàngò
Easter *noun*
páckà
ITA pasqua
eat *verb*
càäm
eating càmmò
edible *adjective*
twéró càmméè; càmméè
egg *noun*
tóng (gwénò)
eight *adjective, noun*
ąbóyò
either *pronoun, adjective*
1 nyò
2 ąnyò
elbow *noun*
1 lögùlè
2 ötwéeng
elder *noun*
lädíit
PLU lùdítto
election *noun*
bòlò kwíir
elephant *noun*
lyèec
elope *verb*
pòòr
eloping pòrrò
elopement *noun*
póór
empty *adjective*
twóló

end *noun*
àgíkí
enter *verb*
dòony
entering dònnyò
envelope *noun*
1 bàácà
SWA baasha
2 jèriþ
ARA zeerif
envy *noun*
nyékkóð
equal *adjective*
róym
error *noun*
báál
escape *verb*
lwíi
eucalyptus *noun*
kàlâtúúc (ENG)
even *adverb*
bènë
evening *noun*
ötyénò
everybody *pronoun*
dánó dúcù, dànó wééng
everyday *pronoun*
ninnò dúcù
everyone *pronoun*
1 dánó dúcù
2 dànó wééng
everything *pronoun*
jémì wééng
everywhere *adverb*
kàbèdò wééng
examine *verb*
ngíi
examination *noun*
1 péény
2 ngìyyò

example *noun*
1 lâbógl
2 lanyúút
excavate *verb*
gògl
excavation gòllò
exhaust *verb*
đòl
exhaustion *noun*
óllò
explain *verb*
tíit
explanation títò
eye *noun*
wààng
eyewitness *noun*
1 lácàdéén
2 càdéén

F f

fable *noun*
òdòdò
face *noun*
nyíim
fail *verb*
pòöt
failing pòttò
fall *verb*
pòöt
false *adjective*
ngúná, gòbà
fame *noun*
ngééc
famine *noun*
kèc
far *adverb, adjective*
bòõr

farm *noun*
 pòtò
fast *adverb, adjective*
 dwiřr
fat *noun*
 cwéér
father *noun*
 1 wòđr
 my father wòrrá
 her father wònñé
 your father wòrrū
 2 (of church, priest) pádi
 ITA *padre*
father in law *noun*
 kwàrrò
 kwàrrà my father in law
fault *noun*
 báál
fear *noun*
 lwórrò
fear *verb*
 lwòđr
feed *verb*
 plít
feeding *noun*
 píttò
fence *noun*
 cèél
fence *verb*
 cèél
 fencing cèllò
fetch *verb*
 1 kèēl
 2 òom
field *noun*
 1 (of plants) pòtò
 2 (of games etc) báàr
fight *noun*
 1 lwéény
 2 mwòđony

fight *verb*
 lwéény
fill *verb*
 1 píik
 2 pòđong
 filling píkkò, [pònnngó]
find *verb*
 nwòđong
 finding nwònngò
fine *adjective*
 bèér
fire *noun*
 màac
firefly *noun*
 òtìjt
fireplace *noun*
 kénò
fish *noun*
 rééc
fish *verb*
 màkkò rééc
fishmonger *noun*
 làcàât rééc
five *noun*
 àbùc
fix *verb*
 yùub
 fixing yùbbù
flag *noun*
 1 bèndérà
 SWA *bandera*
 2 bérà
 ARA *bera*
flee *verb*
 ngwèéc
floor *noun*
 dyèè ôt
flour *noun*
 mòkò

flower *noun*
 àtúré
fly *noun*
 lwàngò
 PLU lwàngí
fold *verb*
 bàän
food *noun*
 cáám
fool *adjective*
 làmìng
 PLU lùmíngóò
foot *noun*
 tyèèn
 on foot kí tyèèn
football *noun*
 1 òdíllò
 2 mùpírà
footprint *noun*
 1 jwiít
 2 kòôr tyéèn
forefathers *noun*
 kwàyò, lùkwáyyò
forest *noun*
 bùngá
fox *noun*
 tòö
friend *noun*
 láréém
 PLU lùréém
 my friend lárémä, lárémáà
 your friend lárémí, lárémíí
frog *noun*
 ògwààl
fry *verb*
 cèél
 frying cèllò
full *adjective*
 òpòđong

funeral *noun*
 lyèèl
 funeral rites gùrrò lyèèl

G g

game *noun*
 (of sports) tìkkò
game *noun*
 (of animals) léé tìjm
garden *noun*
 pòttò
gazelle *noun*
 tííl
germinate *verb*
 1 àà
 2 twìj
gift *noun*
 míic
ginger *noun*
 tàngàújì
giraffe *noun*
 ríj
girl *noun*
 ànyáká
 PLU ànyírà
give *verb*
 míi
gizard *noun*
 lómóó
glass *noun*
 gíláác (ENG)
glasses *noun*
 màdárà
glue *noun*
 òdóók
go *verb*
 cíit

God <i>noun</i>	
1 (of Anglicans) Lùbàngà	
2 (of Catholics) Rùbàngà	
BNT <i>ruhangá</i>	
gold <i>noun</i>	
1 dábù	
2 jábù	
ARA <i>dhaab</i>	
good <i>adjective</i>	
bèṛ	
PLU bëccò	
gore <i>verb</i>	
còob	
goring còbbò	
gourd <i>noun</i>	
àwààl	
government <i>noun</i>	
gàmémentè (ENG)	
grain <i>noun</i>	
béél	
granary <i>noun</i>	
dérò	
granny <i>noun</i>	
dàà	
grasshopper <i>noun</i>	
òtwóóngódò	
grave <i>noun</i>	
lyéel	
greed <i>noun</i>	
wòṛ	
greet <i>verb</i>	
mòṛ	
greetings <i>noun</i>	
móṛ	
grief <i>noun</i>	
kúmmóðò	
groan <i>verb</i>	
cùür	

ground <i>noun</i>	
1 ngòðm	
2 píiny	
groundnut <i>noun</i>	
púùl	
grow <i>verb</i>	
dòñg	
growth <i>noun</i>	
dònngò	
guess <i>verb</i>	
gèēc	
guessing gèccò	
guerilla <i>noun</i>	
àdúì	
guerilla warfare lwény álíbùù	
guest <i>noun</i>	
wèllò	
PLU wèlléè	
guitar <i>noun</i>	
gítà (ENG)	
gum <i>noun</i>	
òdóqk	
gun <i>noun</i>	
lùdùkù	

H h

habit <i>noun</i>	
kíjt	
hack <i>verb</i>	
tòõng	
haggle <i>verb</i>	
làär	
haggle the price làär wélléè	
hail <i>noun</i>	
pèè	

hair <i>noun</i>	
yèṛ	
beard yèṛ tíík	
head hair yèṛ wíjc	
half <i>noun</i>	
nýcù	
ARA nush	
halt <i>verb</i>	
1 giík	
2 gùük	
3 cùüng	
hammer <i>noun</i>	
nyónò	
SWA nyondo	
hand <i>noun</i>	
cííng	
handkerchief <i>noun</i>	
1 látáám	
2 kítambárà	
SWA kitambara	
handwriting <i>noun</i>	
cóóc	
hang <i>verb</i>	
1 ngàāb	
2 gàāb	
3 (of humans) dèē	
hard <i>adjective</i>	
tèèk	
hardship <i>noun</i>	
pékkóò	
harm <i>verb</i>	
wàān	
harvest <i>noun</i>	
káác	
harvest <i>verb</i>	
kàā	
hat <i>noun</i>	
òtók	
hatch <i>verb</i>	
tòðk	

hate <i>verb</i>	
dàág	
hatred <i>noun</i>	
dàggò, dáág	
he <i>pronoun</i>	
èn	
head <i>noun</i>	
wíj	
headache <i>noun</i>	
àbààr wíjc	
heal <i>verb</i>	
càā	
health <i>noun</i>	
yòđt kòđm	
heap <i>verb</i>	
càān	
hear <i>verb</i>	
wíjny	
hearing <i>noun</i>	
wínnnyò	
heart <i>noun</i>	
cwííny	
hearth <i>noun</i>	
kènò	
heat <i>adjective</i>	
lyéttòò	
heating <i>noun</i>	
lyèttò	
heaven <i>noun</i>	
pòlò	
heavy <i>adjective</i>	
pèèk	
heel <i>noun</i>	
púúny, òpúúny	
hell <i>noun</i>	
kàpúíny	
help <i>noun</i>	
kóóny	
help <i>verb</i>	
kòōny	

I i

hen <i>noun</i>	his <i>pronoun</i>	hour <i>noun</i>	I <i>pronoun</i>
gwènò	1 mérréé	cáà, cáwaà	1 án
her <i>pronoun</i>	2 méggéé	SWA saa	2 short form, the suffix -a
én	3 the suffix -e		ice <i>noun</i>
her <i>adjective</i>			pè
mérréé	hit <i>verb</i>		idea <i>noun</i>
	góó		táám
herd <i>noun</i>	HIV <i>noun</i>	huge <i>adjective</i>	idiot <i>adjective</i>
lwàák	1 twòò jònnyó	dìjt	làmìng
herd <i>verb</i>	2 cilfím		if <i>conjunction</i>
kwàât	hive <i>noun</i>	human <i>noun</i>	1 ká
here <i>adverb</i>	bòòng	dánóò	2 ká cè
kààny	hoard <i>verb</i>	humble <i>adjective</i>	ill <i>adjective</i>
heritage <i>noun</i>	kàān	mwòòl	twòò
téé kwàrrò	hoe <i>noun</i>	hump <i>noun</i>	illness <i>noun</i>
hers <i>pronoun</i>	kwèrí	òrúúk	twòò
1 mérréé	hold <i>verb</i>	hunch <i>noun</i>	image <i>noun</i>
2 méggéé	màák	òrúúk	cáál
3 the short form -e	hole <i>noun</i>	hundred <i>noun</i>	important <i>adjective</i>
hew <i>verb</i>	bùùr	míà	(of importance) pírrè tèèk
tòöng	holiday <i>noun</i>	hunger <i>noun</i>	impossible <i>adjective</i>
hiccup <i>noun</i>	ywéyyó	kèèc	pé twérreè
gììk, gèèk	holy <i>noun</i>	hunt <i>noun, verb</i>	in <i>preposition</i>
hide <i>verb</i>	lèèng	dwààr	ì
kàān	holiness <i>noun</i>	husband <i>noun</i>	increase <i>verb</i>
hide <i>noun</i>	léènggó	cwààr	1 mèed 2 nyàä
dèèl	home <i>noun</i>	(the, her) cwàrrè	increment <i>noun</i>
high <i>adverb</i>	1 pàcò	my husband cwàrrá	1 mèddò
màlò	2 gààng	your husband cwàrrí	2 nyàyyò
hill <i>noun</i>	honey <i>noun</i>	husk <i>noun</i>	indigenous <i>adjective</i>
gòòt	(mòò) kííc	póók	ànywálí
him <i>pronoun</i>	hook <i>noun</i>	hut <i>noun</i>	infancy <i>noun</i>
én	(of fishing) góòlì	òt PLU ódí, údí	tínnóò
hip <i>noun</i>	horn <i>noun</i>	hyena <i>noun</i>	infirm <i>noun</i>
tààc	1 (of animal) tìüng	làlúúrú	lágòrò
hippopotamus <i>noun</i>	2 (musical) bùrújì		influenza <i>noun</i>
ràà	horse <i>noun</i>		àbúrú
hire <i>verb</i>	àgúrágúrà		
pàäng	hot <i>adjective</i>		
	1 lyèèt		
	2 (of pepper) kééc		

inherit <i>verb</i>	jaw <i>noun</i>
lääk	cwàák
inheritance <i>noun</i>	jealousy <i>noun</i>
lakkò	nyékóð
inject <i>verb</i>	jest <i>noun</i>
còôb	ngállá
ink <i>noun</i>	job <i>noun</i>
ìnkì (ENG)	tìlc
insert <i>verb</i>	joke <i>noun</i>
rwòô	ngállá
intestine <i>noun</i>	journey <i>noun</i>
cíín	wòðot
iron <i>noun</i>	joy <i>noun</i>
(of clothing) páác	yòðom cwííny
iron <i>verb</i>	judgment <i>noun</i>
1 rwèë	ngòllò lòðòk
2 gòô	jungle <i>noun</i>
island <i>noun</i>	búngá
acúlá	
ALSO cùlá	
itch <i>verb</i>	K k
ñíl	
itching <i>noun</i>	keep <i>verb</i>
illóò	gwòôk

J j

jab <i>verb</i>	key <i>noun</i>
còôb	1 làgòóny
jackal <i>noun</i>	2 mùpútáà
tòð	ARA muftaañ
jail <i>noun</i>	kick <i>verb</i>
1 jélà	gwèë
ENG gaol	kicking gwèyyò
2 màbúúç	kid <i>noun</i>
ARA maboush	látíín
3 cígiñ	PLU lütíndò, lítíñí
ARA sigiñ	

jaw <i>noun</i>	jealousy <i>noun</i>
cwàák	nyékóð
jealousy <i>noun</i>	jest <i>noun</i>
nyékóð	ngállá
jest <i>noun</i>	job <i>noun</i>
ngállá	tìlc
job <i>noun</i>	joke <i>noun</i>
tìlc	ngállá
joke <i>noun</i>	journey <i>noun</i>
ngállá	wòðot
joy <i>noun</i>	joy <i>noun</i>
yòðom cwííny	yòðom cwííny
judgment <i>noun</i>	jungle <i>noun</i>
ngòllò lòðòk	búngá

K k

kidney <i>noun</i>	know <i>verb</i>
nìkñé	ngèë
kill <i>verb</i>	knowing ngèyyò, ngééc
nèëk	knowldege <i>noun</i>
killing <i>noun</i>	ngééc
nèëk, nèkkò	
kin <i>noun</i>	L 1
wààt	
kindle <i>verb</i>	labour <i>noun</i>
mòðok	(of work) tìlc
kindling mòkkò	
kitchen <i>noun</i>	ladder <i>noun</i>
1 jòkóón	rwóóm
SWA jokoni	ladle <i>noun</i>
2 móðùbà	látóók
ARA moudba	lake <i>noun</i>
kite <i>noun</i>	nààm
òkwátéëng	lame <i>noun</i>
knead <i>verb</i>	lágòrò
1 nyòôb	PLU lùgòrò
2 myèëñ	lamp <i>noun</i>
kneading nyòbbò, myènnò	tàrà
knee <i>noun</i>	land <i>noun</i>
còõng	1 ngòôm
kneel <i>verb</i>	2 lòðò
gùñung	language <i>noun</i>
kneeling gùnnngò	lééb
knickers <i>noun</i>	lap <i>verb</i>
libáác	nàäng
ARA libaas	lapping nànngò
knife <i>noun</i>	large <i>adjective</i>
pàlà	lááç
knit <i>verb</i>	last <i>adverb</i>
kwòð	àgílkí
knitting kwòyyò	late <i>noun</i>
knock <i>verb</i>	(deceased) lyèllì
1 (of door etc) dwòõng	latrine <i>noun</i>
2 (of car etc) yòòk	nùcùráán
knocking dwòngngò, dwòyyò	ARA nustraa

laugh *verb*
 nyèér
laughter *noun*
 nyérróò
launch *verb*
 càák
law *noun*
 cíík
lawn *noun*
 módó
lay *verb*
 këét
 laying këttò
lazy *noun*
 nyààc
 lâwàc kòdm lazy person
leach *noun*
 òdíní
lead *verb*
 tèél
 leading lâtellò
leader *noun*
 lâtéél wíic
leaf *noun*
 óbòkè
leaking *noun*
 1 cwéér
 2 tóón
lean *verb*
 jèéng
learn *verb*
 pwòony
 learning pwònnyò
leather *noun*
 dèél
leave *verb*
 wèék
left *noun*
 lácààm
 CFR lácùùc

leg *noun*
 tyèén
lend *verb*
 1 mìí
 2 báá
 lending mìyyò, bàyyò
leper *noun*
 lâddobó
 PLU lûddobó
leprosy *noun*
 dòbó
lesson *noun*
 pwóony
let *verb*
 wéek
 letting wékkò
letter *noun*
 wárágà
 ARA waraq
liar *noun*
 lágòbà PLU lûgòbà
lice *noun*
 önyógi
lick *verb*
 náang
 licking nánngò
lid *noun*
 1 dôog
 2 wíi
lie *noun*
 1 gòbà
 2 ngúnná
lie *verb*
 ngùñ
 lying ngúnná
life *noun*
 kwóò
lift *noun*
 1 iil
 2 tìng

3 èél
 lifting illò, tìnngò. èllò
light *adjective*
 yòòt
light *noun*
 màac
lightning *noun*
 lükòòt, lûtkòòt
like *noun*
 càllóò
limping *noun*
 kómmóò
 she is limping tyéé kà kómmóò
line *noun*
 tyèéng
line *verb*
 ryèé
 lining ryèyyò
load *noun*
 téér
load *verb*
 càän
 loading cànnò
loan *noun*
 1 déén
 2 bányá
lock *verb*
 1 pùung
 2 cèég
 locking pùnngò, cèggò
locust *noun*
 öbónyóò
long *adjective*
 bòòr
 PLU bòccò
look *verb*
 nèén
 looking nènnò
loofah *noun*
 àmòòr

loose *verb*
 rwèeny
 loosing rwènnnyò
lorry *verb*
 lóri (ENG)
louse *noun*
 önyógi
love *noun*
 máár
love *verb*
 màär
loving marrò

M m

machete *noun*
 pàngà
mad *adjective*
 lâpwòyà
 PLU lûpwòyà
mail *verb*
 cwàäl
 mailing cwàllò
main *adjective*
 màdít
maize *noun*
 ànyógi
make *verb*
 tiim
 making timmò
man *noun*
 1(human) dánóò
 2 (male) lácóò
manage *verb*
 twéér
mango *noun*
 mángà

manhood <i>noun</i>	meagre <i>adjective</i>	midwife <i>noun</i>	mistake <i>noun</i>
còd	tídí	lácólá	báál
mankind <i>noun</i>	meal <i>noun</i>	migrate <i>verb</i>	mix <i>verb</i>
dánóð	cáám	dààk	1 nyòðb 2 rùýb
many <i>noun</i>	means <i>noun</i>	mile <i>noun</i>	mixing nyòbbò, rùbbù
1 dwóóng 2 pòðl	yòð	máił (ENG)	moan <i>verb</i>
mark <i>verb</i>	measure <i>verb</i>	military <i>noun</i>	kòðk
gwèët marking gwèttò	píjm	mòðony	moaning kòkkò
market <i>noun</i>	meat <i>noun</i>	milk <i>noun</i>	mob <i>noun</i>
cúúk ARA shouk	rìngó	cààk	lwààk
martyr <i>noun</i>	mechanic <i>noun</i>	mill (grinding) <i>noun</i>	month <i>noun</i>
làcàdén rèmò	mákáníkà (ENG)	1 cúmà 2 tâúna	dwèè
mash <i>verb</i>	medicine <i>noun</i>	millet <i>noun</i>	moon <i>noun</i>
nyòðt	1 yààt 2 dáwà	káál	dwèè
Mass <i>noun</i>	meet <i>verb</i>	mind <i>noun</i>	morning <i>noun</i>
mícà ITA messa	rwàttéè	àdáám	1 òdíkò 2 kòdíkò
massage <i>verb</i>	meeting <i>noun</i>	mine <i>pronoun</i>	mosquito <i>noun</i>
mààd massaging màddò	1 kàcòkéè 2 rwàttéè	1 mérráà 2 méggáà	òbèèr
mat <i>noun</i>	melt <i>verb</i>	minute <i>noun</i>	most <i>adjective</i>
mùkèkà	1 mèë 2 lòò	dàkíkà SWA dakika	pòðl
match <i>noun</i>	mend <i>verb</i>	miracle <i>noun</i>	mother <i>noun</i>
(of football) òdìllò	kwòð	tángó	mìn
match <i>noun</i>	mending kwòyyò	miser <i>noun</i>	mother-in-law <i>noun</i>
kìbìrñt	merchant <i>noun</i>	lágèèm, lágórró	màrrò
mate <i>verb</i>	lácààt	misery <i>noun</i>	motocar <i>noun</i>
ittò	PLU lùcààt	1 cààn 2 pékkòò	1 mótkà (ENG) 2 àràbíà
mate <i>noun</i>	mercy <i>noun</i>	misfortune <i>noun</i>	ARA arabia
läréèm	kicà	gùùm máráàc	mould <i>verb</i>
mathematics <i>noun</i>	merge <i>verb</i>	mission <i>noun</i>	cwèè
cúráà	rìñb	1 mícààn 2 mícòðn (ENG)	moulding cwèyyò
matrimony <i>noun</i>	midday <i>noun</i>	mist <i>noun</i>	mount <i>noun</i>
nyòðm	dyèècèèng	1 lùpù	gòðt
me <i>pronoun</i>	middle <i>noun</i>	2 lwóóc	mount <i>verb</i>
àn	1 kàtikáti 2 núcù	1 lùpù	iít
	SWA nusu	2 lwóóc	mounting iittò, yìttò
			mourn <i>verb</i>

kúum
mourning kúmmóð
mouse noun
 ðyóð
mouth noun
 dóðg
move verb
 díř
 moving dírrò
 move back dírré céen
muck noun
 còttò
mud noun
 còttò
mum noun
 miin
 PLU mèggù
mumps noun
 labututu
murder noun
 nèék
murder verb
 nèék
mushroom noun
 ðbwóol
music noun
 wéér
my adjective
 1 ná
 2 the prefix - a
my book búkkä
mystery noun
 tángó

N n

nail noun

1(metal) lùcùmáár 2 (humans) lwéét
nail verb
 gùür
naked adjective
 1 lùdóþk
 2 lùnéró 3 mùnéró
name noun
 nyíng
 naming miyyò nyíng
 baptism màkkò nyíng
nation noun
 1 lòbò
 2 ngòðm
narrow adjective
 dìng
native noun
 ànywálí
neat noun
 lèng
near adjective
 cóók
neck noun
 ngùüt
need noun
 míít
need verb
 míít
needle noun
 líbírà
 ARA ibra
neighbour noun
 jírànì
 ARA jiraan
nephew noun
 òkéð
nerve noun

nest noun
 ðt wìnnyó

net noun
 bwóó
new adjective
 nyèèn
news noun
 kwènà
nice adjective
 1 bëér 2 lìim
nickname noun
 nyíng mwóðc
niece noun
 lákéð
night noun
 1 dyèè wóðr
 2 wóðr
nit noun
 ònyóðò
no adverb
 1 péé
 2 kùù
nose noun
 úúm
not adverb
 1 kùú
 2 péé
 not him én kúù
 not black péé còðl
now adverb
 kòmbèðì
nowadays adverb
 kúnyònì
numb adjective
 dìng
number noun
 námbà (ENG)
nun noun
 còré
 ITA suora
nut noun
 nátì (ENG)

nylon noun
 náilòðn (ENG)

O o

oar noun
 ðpól
oath noun
 kwòðong
obey verb
 lùub
 obeying lùbbò
ochre noun
 pálá
offence noun
 yéét
offend verb
 yèët
 offending yëttò
ogre noun
 ðbíbí
oil noun
 mòð
old adjective
 ðtjj
once adverb
 gicèèl
one noun
 àcéèl
one pronoun
 ngààt
onion noun
 1 kítùngúlù
 SWA kitungulu
 2 bácalà
 ARA basalaa
only adjective, adverb
 kékén

ooze *verb*
 jwìí
open *adjective*
 twóllóð
open *verb*
 yàáb
opening yàbbò
openly *adverb*
 àtíér
operation *noun*
 (surgical) àmàlià
 ARA amalia
opium *noun*
 bángi
or *conjunction*
 nyòðò, ònyò
orange *noun*
 1 mùcúngwà
 2 lémúýùn
organise *verb*
 yùub
 organising yùbbù
organisation *noun*
 yùùb
orphan *noun*
 (látíín) kìlc
 PLU lütínnò kìlc
other *adjective*
 mukénèè
ought *verb*
 myèrrò
our *adjective*
 1 méwá
 2 týwà
out *adverb*
 wòkò
outdoor *adverb, adjective*
 wòkó
outlaw *noun*
 àdúí

outside *adjective*
 wòkó
overcoat *noun*
 jònñì
owl *noun*
 túláà
owner *noun*
 rwòddè

P p

pain *noun*
 réém
pain *verb*
 rëém
paint *verb*
 góo
palace *noun*
 kàál
palate *noun*
 dàän
pan *noun*
 cùpùríà
 SWA sufuria
paper *noun*
 1 wárágà
 2 kàràtááç

parade *noun*
 tábúúr
paradise *noun*
 pòló
paraffin *noun*
 1 móò tárà
 2 jáac
 ARA jaash

parent *noun*
 lanyòdò

partial *adjective*
 nùcù ARA noush
pass *verb*
 kàât
passing *noun*
 kàttò
path *noun*
 yòðò
patient *noun*
 látwòðò
pawpaw *noun*
 pàyipáyì
pay *verb*
 cùül
paying cùllò
pay *noun*
 1 mùcárà
 SWA musara
 2 màyíà
 ARA mayia
payment *noun*
 cùül
pea *noun*
 1 lápèná
 2 ngòðòr
peace *noun*
 kùùc
peanut *noun*
 púýl
peasant *noun*
 látédérò
 PLU lütédérò
peck *noun*
 bòtòðò
peel *verb*
 kíl
peeling killò
pelt *verb*
 cèél
pelting cèllò

pen *noun*
 kàláám
penis *noun*
 cùýùn
people *noun*
 dánóð
pepper *noun*
 1 kàlárá
 2 cétà
 ARA sheeta
perch *verb*
 nyòðòng
 perching nyòðngò
perhaps *adverb*
 1 nyò
 2 ònyò
perish *verb*
 tòð
perishing
 1 tòð
 2 bálléè
permit *verb*
 yèë
permission *noun*
 yèë
person *noun*
 dánóð
petrol *noun*
 1 pètòròl (ENG)
 2 mòð (mòtòkà)
 3 bënjíín
 ARA benzin
phone *noun*
 cíim
 ARA siim
photograph *noun*
 cáál
pick *verb*
 kwàáñy

picture noun
 cáál
pig noun
 òpégò
pile verb
 1 dòōb
 2 càān
pillow noun
 1 làtēén wìèc
 2 màkádà
 ARA makaada
pipe noun
 páipò (ENG)
pit noun
 bùýr
place noun
 kàbèdò
place verb
 kèët
placenta noun
 byèrrò
plan noun
 pùláàn (ENG)
plant verb
 piît
 planting pìttò
plate noun
 cáán, cákāàn
 ARA sahaan
play noun
 tùkkù
play verb
 tùük
 playing tìkkù
pleat verb
 kàād
 pleating kàddò
plough verb
 pùýr
 ploughing pùrò

pocket noun
 1 jábà
 2 jébà
 ARA jeeba
pod noun
 póót
point verb
 1 nyùüt
 2 ciim
pointless adjective
 kónyé pè
poison noun
 kwíír
poison verb
 wòòl
 poisoning wòllò
polish verb
 1 lìl
 2 jwàā
 polishing lìllò, jwàyyò
poor adjective
 làcààn
Pope noun
 pápà ITA papa
porcupine noun
 còò
porridge noun
 nyùkà
possible adjective
 twérrèè
possibly adverb
 1 gwòòk
 2 nyòò
post verb
 cwàäl
post office noun
 póctà (ENG)
pot noun
 àgúlú

pound noun
 gìnèè
 ARA jinee
pound verb
 òòd
pounding noun
 ódóò
poverty noun
 cààn
pour verb
 òöny
praise verb
 pàák
praising noun
 páák, pàkkò
pray verb
 lèëg
 praying lèggò
prayer noun
 lèggà
praying noun
 lèggò, lèggà
preen verb
 bùñc
 preening bùccò
pregnant noun
 (is pregnant) òyáác
pregnancy noun
 yáác
present adjective
 tyéé
press verb
 1 diï
 2 (of clothes) góò
pretty adjective
 lèèng
prevent verb
 gèëng
prevention gèëngò

price noun
 wéél
prick verb
 còòb, cùüb
 pricking còbbò, cùbbù
pride verb
 wàkéè
pride noun
 àwákká
priest noun
 1 pádì
 ITA padre
 2 mínicà (ENG)
primogeniture noun
 kàyòò
prise noun
 1 gwèél 2 kòòl
 prising gwèllò, kòllò
prison noun
 1 màbúùc
 ARA maboosh
 2 cígùin
 ARA sigin
problem noun
 1 àyéllà
 2 lòòk
profit noun
 1 màgóbà
 SWA magoba
 2 pàídà
 SWA faida
progeny noun
 lùkwáyyò
prohibit verb
 gèëng
property noun
 jámì, jémì
prophet noun
 1 propétà (ENG)

2 lànèbì
 ARA neebi
prune *verb*
 ngàād
pruning ngàddò
pull *verb*
 ywàā
 pulling ywàyyò
pullover *noun*
 1 cwétà (ENG)
 2 pùlànì
 SWA fulani
pump *noun*
 1 (of water) tángì
 2 (of bicycle etc) làpñik
pump *verb*
 piñk
 pumping piñkkò
punch *verb*
 dòñng
 punching dònngò
punch-up *noun*
 lwéeny
punctual *adjective*
 còòn
pupil *noun*
 látíñ kwàān
 PLU lütínnò kwáán
pus *noun*
 túýt
push *verb*
 còðr
 pushing còrrò
put *verb*
 kèët
 putting këttò
python *noun*
 nyáló, nyéló

Q q

quail *noun*
 jwííl
quarrel *verb*
 dàà
queen *noun*
 dáá kékér
question *noun*
 péény
question *verb*
 pèñny
 questioning pènnnyò
queue *verb*
 ryèē
quickly *adverb*
 øyòt øyòt
quiet *adjective*
 líng
quinine *noun*
 kwìnñin (ENG)

R r

rabbit *noun*
 ápwoýò
race *verb*
 ngwèec
 racing ngwèec
race *noun*
 ngwèec
rack *noun*
 lòrò
radio *noun*
 rádiò (ENG)
rag *noun*
 làwíny

rain *noun*
 kòòt
rain *verb*
 cwèë
 raining cwèë
rainbow *noun*
 dànyú
raise *verb*
 íll
 raising illò
rank *noun*
 rwóóm
rat *noun*
 øyòdò
raw *adjective*
 númú
reach *verb*
 1 òò
 2 tùñun
 reaching òò
razor *noun*
 lyèdí
read *verb*
 kwàān
reading *noun*
 kwáán, kwànnò
ready *adverb*
 báá
real *adjective*
 1 àdáá
 2 àtíkáà
reap *verb*
 kàä
 reaping káác, kàyyò
rear *noun, adjective*
 1 céén
 2 ìngèëc
rear *verb*
 piñt

rearing *noun*
 piñt, pittò
record *verb*
 1 (of picture, voice) màāk
 2 (in writing) còò píiny
 recording màkkò
red *adjective*
 kwàär
reek *verb*
 ngwéé
refugee *noun*
 làriíng àyéllà
refuse *verb*
 kwèér
 refusing kwèrrò
reign *verb*
 1 lòò
 2 tèél
reign *noun*
 lóóc
relations *noun*
 wàät
religion *noun*
 dññ
 SWA dini
remind *verb*
 pòö wíyyè
rent *verb*
 pääng (SWA)
 renting pànnngò
repeat *verb*
 nwòò
 repeating nwòyyò
reply *verb*
 dwòòg
 replying dwòggò
respect *verb*
 wòòr
respect *noun*

1 wóór	
2 wórró	
rest noun	
ywéé	
rest verb	
ywèé	
resting ywéyyó	
return verb	
1 (of self) dwòög̊ó	
2 (of property) dwòök	
returning noun	
1 dwòggò	
2 dwòkkò	
rhinoceros noun	
àmíkā	
rice noun	
1 rúyc (ENG)	
2 mütçélè (SWA <i>mucele</i>)	
richness noun	
lònyò	
riddle noun	
kóyc	
right noun	
(of hand) àcùyc	
right adverb	
àtiír	
ring verb	
(of bell, phone) gòō	
ringing gòyyò (òlááng)	
rise verb	
àā	
rising àà	
river noun	
nààm	
rock noun	
1 lélá	
2 gòdt	
root noun	
jwííny	

rope noun	
tóól	
rosary noun	
ròjárìò (ENG)	
rot verb	
tòöp	
rough adjective	
gwààr	
row noun	
dàà	
royal noun	
1 làkéér	
2 làkààl	
rub verb	
ngiñy	
rubbing ngwìnnyò	
rule verb	
lòö	
rule noun	
lóóc	
run run	
riñg	
running noun	
1 ngwèec	
2 rìnnò	
rust adjective	
nyààl	

S s

saliva noun	
láá	
salt noun	
1 kàdò	
2 mìlé	
ARA mile	
salute verb	
càlúyt (ENG)	
same adjective	
1 cáál	
2 róóm	
samosa noun	
càmúcà, càmbúcà	
SWA <i>samoosa</i>	
sample noun	
kíít	
sand noun	
kwéyyó	
sandal noun	
céndààl (ENG)	
sandwich noun	
cònđòwíic	
ARA <i>sondowish</i>	
sap noun	
píig	
sauce noun	
dèèk	
saucer noun	
cócà (ENG)	
save verb	
làär	
saving làrrò	
saviour noun	
laláár	
saw noun	
mùcémè	
say verb	
wàäc	
saying wàccò	

yèēny	2 còwíc	she pronoun	shout verb
searching yènnnyò	ARA soweesh	1 én	jwàā
seat noun	servant noun	2 the short form in object	show verb
1 kóóm	kàdáám	position - e	nyùüt
2 kàbèdò	ARA kadaam	sheep noun	showing nyùttò
second-hand noun	seven noun	rómóò	shut verb
àlíwárá	àbíróò	shelter noun	1 lòřr
secondary school noun	several adjective	búngó	2 cèēg
cínjá (ENG)	1 (mā) pójol	shepherd noun	shutting lòrrò, cèggò
secret adjective	2 dwóóng	làkwààt	sick adjective
mùūng	sew verb	PLU lùkwààt	twóò
mùūng	kwòō	shield noun	patient làtwòò
secretary noun	sewing kwòyyò	kwòđot	side noun
1 kàráán	sewing machine verb	shield verb	tèngé
SWA karani	1 càráán	gèēng	sieve noun
2 cékrétàři (ENG)	SWA carani	shielding gènnngò, gwòkkò	kèyìkéyì
see verb	2 mákānà	shine verb	sieve verb
nèēn	ARA makina	1 ryéény	kíi
seeing nènnò	sex noun	2 càär	sieving kìyyò
seed noun	ngót, nggòtéè	shining ryènnnyò, càrrò	signing noun
nyúig	shade noun	shinny adjective	kèttò cíng
seek verb	dúúl	1 ryéény	simple adjective
yèēny	shadow noun	2 cáár	yòđot
seeking yènnnyò	dúúl	ship noun	sin noun
seep verb	shake verb	1 mèél	báál
tòōn	yèēng	2 bàbúr	sinner noun
seeping tóón	shaking yènnngò	ARA baboor	làbáál
seize verb	shallow adjective	shirt noun	since adverb
kèēng	nyèèb	cátì (ENG)	níicákkèé
seizing kènnngò	shame noun	shoe noun	sing verb
sell verb	lèwìlc	wààr	wèēr
càät	sharp adjective	shoot verb	singing wèrrò
selling càttò	bít	cèēl	single adjective
seminary noun	sharpen verb	shop noun	ácéèl
cémìnáriřò (ENG)	pyèët	dùkáán	sink verb
send verb	sharpening pyèttò	SWA duka	lwìiny
cwàäl	shave verb	short adjective	sip verb
senior noun	lyèël	cèēg	gùüb
cínjá (ENG)	shaving lyèllò	PLU cèggò	sinking gùbbò
sergeant noun			
1 cájéen (ENG)			

sisal <i>noun</i>	small <i>adjective</i>	soft <i>adjective</i>	soya bean <i>noun</i>
twórróò	tídí	1 yòòm	kàù
sister <i>noun</i>	PLU tinnò	2 nèèp	spanner <i>noun</i>
1 làmīin	smallpox <i>noun</i>	soil <i>noun</i>	cìpànà (ENG)
2 làmègò	nyàkàcùnà	solar <i>noun</i>	spare <i>noun</i>
PLU lùmègò	smear <i>verb</i>	cèèng	cìpéà (ENG)
six <i>noun</i>	wíir	some <i>adjective</i>	spatter <i>verb</i>
âbícéèl	smell <i>verb</i>	1 mukénè	kiír
size <i>noun</i>	ngwèè	2 móò	spattering kírrò
cáij (ENG)	smell <i>noun</i>	some are good mukénè bëccò	speak <i>noun</i>
skim <i>verb</i>	ngwéccé	give her some miyyé móò	wàac
gòò	smile <i>noun</i>	something <i>noun</i>	speaking wàccò
skin <i>noun</i>	bùúny	gìn móò	spear <i>noun</i>
1 pyèèn	smoke <i>noun</i>	son <i>noun</i>	tóóng
2 dyèèl	yìtò	wóód	còòb
skip <i>verb</i>	smooth <i>adjective</i>	my son wóddáà	spearing còbbò
1 pyèè	yòòm	your son wóddü	speech <i>noun</i>
2 kàál	snack <i>noun</i>	song <i>noun</i>	lòòk
skipping pyèè, kàllò	pèké	wéér	spell <i>verb</i>
sky <i>noun</i>	twòòl	soon <i>adverb</i>	(of casting) tåäl
pòlò	snare <i>verb</i>	1 cóòk, cóòk	casting a spell táál, tållò
slap <i>verb</i>	bíit	2 kónì	spin <i>verb</i>
dòöng	snaring bíttdò	sorcerer <i>noun</i>	wíir
slapping dònngò	snatch <i>verb</i>	1 làtáál	spinning wírrò
sleep <i>verb</i>	gwàā	2 làjòk	splash <i>verb</i>
nín	snatching gwàyyò	PLU lùjögí	kiír
sleeping ninnò	sneeze <i>verb</i>	sore <i>adjective</i>	splashing kírrò
sleep <i>noun</i>	jíir	1 réèm	split <i>verb</i>
ninnò	sneezing jírrò	2 lìit	pòòk
slip <i>verb</i>	snow <i>noun</i>	sort <i>verb</i>	splitting pòkkò
cèér	pèè	yèér	spoil <i>verb</i>
slipping cèrrò	soak <i>verb</i>	sorting yèrrò	bàäl
slow <i>adjective</i>	bíil	soul <i>noun</i>	spoiling bållò
mòòt	soaking bíllò	típù	spoke <i>noun</i>
slowly <i>adverb</i>	soap <i>noun</i>	sound <i>noun</i>	cílig
mòt mòt	càbúúñ	dwóón	ARA siliig
smack <i>verb</i>	SWA sabuni	sour <i>adjective</i>	sponge <i>noun</i>
bàáp	sock <i>noun</i>	wàac	àmòòr
slapping bàappò	cókcì (ENG)		

spoon *noun*
 1 mǎlāgà
 ARA *malaga*
 2 kijíkò
 SWA *kijiko*
sport *noun*
 tükü
sprain *verb*
 wíil
spread *verb*
 1 yàär
 2 pyèél
squat *verb*
 nyòöng
squeeze *verb*
 bii
 squeezing bìyyò
stack *verb*
 1 dòöd
 2 càän
 stacking 1 dòddò 2 càñò
stale *adjective*
 òkwòök
stalk *noun*
 lüib
stand *verb*
 cùüng
 standing cùüng, cùnngò
star *noun*
 làkálátwéér
stay *verb*
 bëëd
 staying bëddò
steal *verb*
 kwàäl
 stealing kwàllò
steep *adjective*
 céré
stew *noun*
 dëek

stick *noun*
 1 lùüt
 2 yàät
stick *verb*
 còom
sting *verb*
 kàä
 stinging kàyyò
stink *noun*
 ngwéé
stir *verb*
 rùüb
 stirring rùbbò
stitch *verb*
 1 kwòö
 2 màäk
 stitching kwòyyò, màkkò
stomach *noun*
 1 íí
 2 ìc
stone *noun*
 1 gwèeng
 2 kìdî
stool *noun*
 (human waste) cèët
stop *verb*
 1 cùüng
 2 gëëng
 stopping cùnngò gënngò
store *noun*
 cùtóà (ENG)
straight *adjective*
 àtíír
stream *noun*
 kúllóò
stretch *verb*
 ngàäd
 stretching ngàddò
striking *verb*
 (with a stick) twànnngò

string *noun*
 tóöl
string *verb*
 këed
 stringing kèddò
strip *verb*
 lìir
 stripping lìrrò
strong *adjective*
 tèëk
struggling *noun*
 tùttéè
stub *verb*
 yòök
 stubbing yòkkò
study *noun*
 kwáán
sudy *verb*
 kwàän
 studying kwáán, kwànnò
stump *noun*
 àdúýl
subject *noun*
 cábjéëk (ENG)
suck *verb*
 dòöt
 sucking dòttò
sue *verb*
 dòöt
 suing dòttò
suit *noun*
 cùýt (ENG)
sugar *noun*
 cùkáál (ENG)
sulk *verb*
 jùül
 sulking jùùl
sum *noun*
 wéél

summon *verb*
 lwòõng
 summoning lwònngò
sun *noun*
 cèëng
Sunday *noun*
 cèëng càbíít
surround *verb*
 rùüm
 surrounding rùmmò
swab *verb*
 màäd
 swabbing màddò
swallow *verb*
 mwòöny
 swallowing mwònnyò
sweat *noun*
 kwòök
sweep *verb*
 ywèë
 sweeping ywèyyò, ywééc
sweet *noun*
 1 lìim
 2 mìit
sweetheart *noun*
 làbàäl cwínyí
sweet potato *noun*
 làyátâ
swell *verb*
 kwòöt
 swelling kwòttò, kwòöt
swim *verb*
 úüm
 swimming úüm
swindle *verb*
 bùüm
 swindling bùmmò
swing *verb*
 lyèër
 swinging lyèrrò

swirl <i>verb</i>	task <i>noun</i>
wíir	tíic
swirling wírrò	
switch <i>verb</i>	taste <i>verb</i>
gèer	bíil
switching gèrrò	tasting billò
syringe <i>noun</i>	tax <i>noun</i>
líbirà	mùcórò
ARA ibra	SWA msoro

T t

table <i>noun</i>	teach <i>verb</i> pwòöny
méjà	teaching pwònnyò
SWA meza	
tablet <i>noun</i>	teacher <i>noun</i>
yààt àmúnyáà	lápwoóny
tail <i>noun</i>	tear <i>verb</i>
yíib	yèec
tailor <i>noun</i>	tearing yéec, yèccò
1 làkwóóc	tease <i>verb</i>
PLU lùkwóóc	1 ngàäl
2 térejì	2 nywàär
ARA terez	teasing ngàllò, nywàrrò
3 pýndì	telephone <i>noun</i>
SWA fundi	cíim
take <i>verb</i>	SWA simu
tèér	tell <i>verb</i>
tale <i>noun</i>	wàäc
òdòdò	telling wàccò
talk <i>verb</i>	temporary <i>adjective</i>
lòök	tútúnú
tall <i>adjective</i>	ten <i>noun</i>
bòör	àpáär
PLU bòccò	tender <i>adjective</i>
tap <i>verb</i>	yòðom
dwòõng	tent <i>noun</i>
tapping dwònngò	kémà
	SWA kema

task <i>noun</i>	terrorist <i>noun</i>
tíic	àdúí
taste <i>verb</i>	test <i>noun</i>
bíil	péény
tasting billò	test <i>verb</i>
tax <i>noun</i>	1 pèény
mùcórò	2 tèém
SWA msoro	testing pènnyyò, tèmmò
taxi <i>noun</i>	thank <i>verb</i>
tákci (ENG)	pwòö
tea <i>noun</i>	thanking pwòyyò
cáì	pwóóc
SWA chai	thanks <i>noun</i>
teach <i>verb</i> pwòöny	pwóóc
teaching pwònnyò	theft <i>noun</i>
teacher <i>noun</i>	kwóò
lápwoóny	their <i>adjective</i>
tear <i>verb</i>	gí
yèec	theirs <i>pronoun</i>
tearing yéec, yèccò	méggí
tease <i>verb</i>	them <i>pronoun</i>
1 ngàäl	1 gí
2 nywàär	2 gíín
teasing ngàllò, nywàrrò	then <i>adverb</i>
telephone <i>noun</i>	1 ká
cíim	2 cí
SWA simu	there <i>adverb</i>
tell <i>verb</i>	kénnyóò
wàäc	they <i>pronoun</i>
telling wàccò	gíín
temporary <i>adjective</i>	thick <i>adjective</i>
tútúnú	péek
ten <i>noun</i>	thief <i>noun</i>
àpáär	làkwòò
tender <i>adjective</i>	PLU lùkwòò
yòðom	thigh <i>noun</i>
tent <i>noun</i>	éém
kémà	thin <i>adjective</i>
SWA kema	rèèp

thing <i>noun</i>	thirst <i>noun</i>
jémì, jámì	òrwóó pìi
think <i>verb</i>	this <i>adjective</i>
1 pàär	1 nì
2 tàäm	2 èn
thinking páár, pàrrò	This man is a thief làcòò nì
thirst <i>noun</i>	lákwoò
thorn <i>noun</i>	òkútó
thought <i>noun</i>	1 táám
1 páár	2 pýndì
thrash <i>verb</i>	pwòöd
pwòöd	thrashing pwòddò
thread <i>noun</i>	three <i>noun</i>
1 úcì	àdék
SWA uzi	thresh <i>verb</i>
2 kéi	díin
ARA keyt	throat <i>noun</i>
three <i>noun</i>	dwóón
àdék	throw <i>verb</i>
thresh <i>verb</i>	1 báä
díin	2 bòöl
throat <i>noun</i>	throwing bàyyò, bòllò
dwóón	thunder <i>noun</i>
throw <i>verb</i>	lùkòò
1 báä	ticks <i>noun</i>
2 bòöl	òkwódò

tick <i>noun</i>	gwèēt	ARA <i>bakhana</i>	trade <i>noun</i>	càāt	tripe <i>noun</i>
ticking gwèttò		3 òt kònnnyéè	trade <i>verb</i>	càāt	(of cow as food) cíín dìang
tickle <i>verb</i>	giid	tomato <i>noun</i>		càāt	trouble <i>noun</i>
giid		nyányà		càāt	àyéllà
tickling giiddò		tomb <i>noun</i>			troublesome làyéllà
tidy <i>adjective</i>	lèng	lyèèl			true <i>adjective</i>
lèng		tomorrow <i>noun</i>			àdáá
tie <i>noun</i>	tàyi (ENG)	díkñ			trunk <i>noun</i>
tie <i>verb</i>	twèè	tongue <i>noun</i>			kóqr
twèè		léeb			trust <i>noun</i>
tying twèyyò		tooth <i>noun</i>			gèen
tight <i>adjective</i>	dìng	làák			trusting gènnò
dìng		torch <i>noun</i>			try <i>verb</i>
tilapia <i>noun</i>	lápóók	tódc (ENG)			tèem
lápóók		tortoise <i>noun</i>			trying tèmmò
till <i>verb</i>	pùur	òpúùk			turn <i>verb</i>
pùur		total <i>noun</i>			1 gèer
tilling pùrrù		wéél			2 miin
tilt <i>verb</i>	lùung	touch <i>verb</i>			turning gèrrò, mìnñò
lùung		gùñd			twig <i>noun</i>
tilting lùnngò		touchable gúddéè			kèdi
time <i>noun</i>	cáà, cáwà	touching gúddò			twin <i>noun</i>
cáà, cáwà		tough <i>noun</i>			rúdfñ
to <i>preposition</i>	SWA saa	1 tèèk			twist <i>verb</i>
1 bóót		2 gwààr			1 wiî
2 i		tow <i>verb</i>			2 miin
tobacco <i>noun</i>	táá, túbà	1 ywàä			3 biñy
táá, túbà		2 tèèl			twisting wìyyò, mìnñò, bìnnyo
today <i>noun</i>	tññ	towing ywàyyò, tèllò			twirl <i>verb</i>
tññ		towards <i>preposition</i>			1 wiî
toddler <i>noun</i>	1 ònyúù	túýng			2 miin
1 ònyúù		towel <i>noun</i>			3 biñy
2 látíín		táüłò (ENG)			twirling wìyyò, mìnñò, bìnnyo
toilet <i>noun</i>	2 látíín	town <i>noun</i>			two <i>noun</i>
1 còròón		1 bómà			àriò
SWA soroni		SWA <i>boma</i>			type <i>verb</i>
2 bàkánà		2 táùn (ENG)			(of letter) gòò
		track <i>verb</i>			typing gòyyò
		ròöt			type <i>noun</i>
		tracking ròttò			kíjt

tyre *noun*
1 (vehicles) tyèēn mótkà
2 (cycles) tyèēn lélà

U u

underneath *preposition*
ítéé
underpants *noun*
libáāc
ARA libaas
understand *verb*
níāng
I did not understand pé ániāng
understanding niàng, niànngò
underwear *noun*
libáāc
ARA libaas
unrest *noun*
àyélà
untie *verb*
gòony
until *preposition*
nákà
untrue *adjective*
gòbà
unwell *adjective*
twóò
up *preposition, adverb*
málō
urge *verb*
díi
us *pronoun*
wán, wá
Give us one mìi wā àcéél
use *verb*
tíi

utensil *noun*
jémí, jámì
cooking utensils jémí tèddò

V v

vacate *verb*
wèēk
vacating wèkkò
vacation *noun*
ywéyyó
vaccinate *verb*
gwèér
vaccinating gwèrrò
vagina *noun*
tùān
veer *verb*
wèē
vein *noun*
léér
vest *noun*
pùlànì
SWA fulani
vicar *noun*
pádì
ITA padre
visible *adjective*
néén
visit *verb*
líim
visiting límmò
voice *noun*
dwóón
vomit *noun*
ngóók
vomit *verb*
ngòök

voting *noun*
bòllò kwììr
vulture *noun*
àcúüt

W w

wag *verb*
yèēng
wagging yèēngò
wagtail *noun*
lágúút
waist *noun*
pyèér
wait *verb*
kùür
waiting kùrrò
wake *verb*
còò
waking up còò
waking còyyò
walk *verb*
wòòt
walking wòttò
walking stick *noun*
òdóò
wall *noun*
kóór òt
wander *verb*
lààk
want *noun*
míit
want *verb*
míit
wanting mítto
war *noun*
1 lwéény
2 mwòony
wash *noun*
lwóók
wash *verb*
lwòök
washing lwòkkò, lwóók
wasp *noun*
pìpìndò
waste *verb*
bàäl
wasting bàllò
watch *noun*
(of time) cáá
watch *verb*
1 (to see) nèen
2 (to guard) gwòök
water *noun*
pìi
water pot àgúlú pìi
way *noun*
yòò
we *pronoun*
wáán
weak *noun*
góò
weakling, an infirm làgòò
wealth *noun*
lònnyò
wealthy *adjective*
lálònnyò
PLU lùlònnyò
weaning *verb*
pùggù
weapon *noun*
lùdùlkú
wear *verb*
rùùk
wearing rùkkò
dressing up rùùk
weave *verb*

kèēd			1 látáál 2 lјjòk
weaving kèddò			PLU lútáál, lјjóglí
wed verb			witchcraft noun
nyđōm			1 táál 2 jđòk
wedding noun			with preposition
nyđommđ, nyđom			1 bđòt
weed noun			2 kí
đòò			without preposition
weed verb			lábđongđò
đòò			witness noun
weeding döyyò, đòò			càdén
week noun			PLU lúcadéyen
càbfít			wizard noun
weep verb			1 látáál
kđók			2 lјjòk
weeping kđkkđò			PLU lútáál, lјjóglí
weigh verb			woman noun
piñm			dákóò
weighing piñmmđ			PLU móón
well adverb			wild adjective
bèér			gèér
PLU běccò			wildness noun
well noun			gérrođò
iit			win verb
well-known adjective			lòò
ngénnéè			winning löyyò, lóóc
well-mannered adjective			wind noun
1 kítte béér			yàmmò
2 wòòr			window noun
well-read adjective			1 díríçà
òkwànnéè			2 wàng òt
well-to-do adjective			wing noun
lälönyò			bwòõm
welcome verb			wipe verb
jòõl			1 dùñüny
welcoming guests jòllò wèlléè			2 gèé
wet adjective			wiping dùnnnyò, gèyyò
dyàäk			wire noun
what adjective, pronoun			wáyà (ENG)
ngò			wisdom noun
			ryékkóò
			wise adjective
			ryèèk
			witch noun
			lätìjc
			PLU lùtìjc

world *noun*

1 lòbò
2 píny
3 ngòdòm

worm *noun*

kwìdì

worry *verb*

lwòòr
worrying lwórróò

wound *noun*

1 bùùr
2 réét

wrestle *noun*

rèttéè

wring *verb*

bii
wringing bìyyò

wrist *noun*

ngùùt cííng

write *verb*

còò

writing *noun*

cóóc, còyyò

wrong *adjective*

1 rààc
2 péé kàkàrè
3 péé átíír

X x**Xmas** *noun*

kàrámà

X-ray *noun*

èkcírèì (ENG)

Y y**yam** *noun*

òbátóò

year *noun*

mwàkà

New Year mwàká nànyéèn

yeast *noun*

tòbì

yell *verb*

dàäng

yelling dànngeè

yes *adverb*

èyò

yet *adverb, conjunction*

kùùn

yield *noun*

nyààk

yielding nyáák

yield *verb*

nyààk

yorghut *noun*

cààk òkùlò

you *pronoun*

1 SGL úín

2 PLU wúúún

young *adjective*

1 tídí

2 látííñ

your *adjective*

1 ní

2 (short form) - i

This is your house mán òt

ní ; mán òttí

yours *pronoun*

1 SGL mérrí, méggí

2 PLU méggú, týwwú, mýwwú,

méwwú

youth *noun*

búlúù

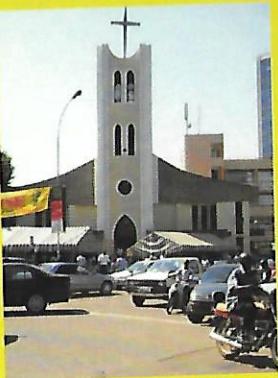
Z z**zebra** *noun*

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Acholi is a Nilo-Saharan language of the Nilotc stock belonging to the southern cluster of Lwo languages found in Uganda, Kenya and the Sudan. In Uganda, the Acholi (800000 speakers) occupy the northernmost districts of Gulu, Kitgum, Amuru and Pader while in the Sudan, the Acholi (50000 speakers), share the southernmost county of Magwi with the Ma'di. The Acholi language has varying degrees of mutual intelligibility with a number of languages spoken across four countries; Uganda (Lango, Kumam, Alur, Jo'pa Dhola), in the Sudan (Jur, Pari, Anyua and Chollo), and in Kenya and Tanzania (Lwo). This dictionary differs from similar earlier projects in a number of important respects. First, it exploits the full range of the ten vowels that the language has, rather than restricting itself to the five commonly used vowels. Secondly, it acknowledges the importance of tone and utilizes it to aid the process of word identification, discrimination and distinction. Thirdly, the dictionary provides etymological information on the sources of borrowed words to excavate the sociopolitical contacts of the Acholi people. Fourthly, words from the various dialects of Acholi spoken in both Uganda and the Sudan find equal prominence, reflecting the author's own background and the strength and depth of the informants. Fifthly, it is the product of a linguist who has a near native level command of the language, having spent most of his formative years among the Acholi of Uganda and more recently living among the Acholi of the Sudan. Lastly, this dictionary gives both Acholi - English and English - Acholi versions of lexical items.

An equally important feature of this dictionary is its attempt at establishing a clear and concise way of pronouncing and writing Acholi words which should be invaluable to both the native speaker and the foreign learner of the language. While seeking to establish a standardised way of spelling Acholi words, ironically this dictionary does not advocate the marking of tones, nor the distinction of vowel quality in writing Acholi, except in specialized projects like dictionaries, as meaning of Acholi words can often be easily deciphered from the context.

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